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'Renegotiate high cost power purchase pacts'

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The Gurucharan Committee has suggested renegotiation of high-cost power purchase agreements and creation of agriculture development fund to take care of farm subsidies to IP sets.

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New algorithm to study connectivity in brain

BENGALURU

Researchers at IISc. have developed a new graphic processing unit-based machine learning algorithm, which will obtain better understanding of connectivity between different regions of the brain.

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SC gives breather to Sena rebels

'Respond to disqualification notice by July 12'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said rebel Shiv Sena legislators led by Eknath Shinde need "breathing time" while giving them time till July 12 to respond to a notice issued by Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal on June 25 initiating disqualification proceedings against them for defection.

Mr. Shinde and 15 other MLAs, against whom disqualification notice was issued, were supposed to submit their written responses before the Deputy Speaker by 5.30 p.m. on June 27.

A Vacation Bench of Justices Surya Kant and J.B. Pardiwala heeded their contention that they were given hardly 48 hours to respond to the disqualification notice when the law required the Speaker to grant them seven whole days.

"The disqualification notice is a classic example of the Deputy Speaker acting hand in glove with the government in an attempt to hastily disqualify the petitioner [Mr. Shinde] along with other supporters. The disqualification rules and the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Rules are sought to be completely bypassed," Mr. Shinde, through senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul, had alleged.

Virtually putting the disqualification proceedings on hold, the Bench, in its order, recorded that as an "interim measure, the time granted by the Deputy Speaker to the petitioners and other similarly placed MLAs to submit their written submissions today [on Monday] by 5.30 p.m. is extended till July 12, 2022, 5.30 p.m."

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Alert state: Police guarding the Shiv Sena's office in Thane on Monday, apprehending a gathering of rebels' supporters. • PTI

ED summons Sanjay Raut

The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut in a money laundering case of 2018. He has been summoned on June 28 in a case regarding irregularities in the redevelopment of Patra Chawl project at Goregaon. ▸ PAGE 11

Mir's quick trial came ahead of U.S.-Pak. meet

Conviction aimed at FATF reprieve

Who is Sajid Mir?

- Deputy chief of international operations of Lashkar-e-Taiba
- Recruited terrorists for Mumbai 26/11 attacks, guided attackers over telephone from the LeT "control room" in Karachi, directly ordered killings
- Wanted for involvement in terror recruitment and financing cases in France, Australia, Denmark and the United States
- Declared "dead" by Pakistani officials in December 2021, but arrested in April 2022, convicted and sentenced in May 2022

Mir is on the FBI's most wanted list. He is No.14 on the wanted terrorists' list under India's UAPA

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Lashkar-e-Taiba deputy chief and 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks planner Sajid Mir was sentenced by a Pakistan anti-terrorism court in Lahore on terror-financing charges in May this year, in a speedy trial completed just three weeks after he was arrested, three days before a U.S.-Pakistan ministerial meeting and a month before the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) plenary that gave Pakistan a reprieve.

Mir had been declared "dead" by Pakistani officials as recently as in December 2021, but was then arrested by the police on April 21, 2022, convicted on May 16, 2022, and sent to prison to serve three consecutive sentences amounting to fifteen and a half years in prison.

According to a report in *Pakistan Geo News*, officials said Mir was tried and convicted "quietly", given the sensitivities around the case. The Ministry of External Affairs in India has not commented on the case, given that the arrest, conviction and sentencing have not been formally announced by Pakistan. However, a government official said that the "timing" of Pakistan's actions were "clearly aimed at being granted leniency from western countries at the FATF".

The conviction of Mir came just three days before a meeting between U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Pakistan's Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto on May 19 in New York, where they discussed Pakistan's grey listing at the FATF.

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Kempe Gowda statue in front of Vidhana Soudha: CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday announced that the statue of Bengaluru's founder Kempe Gowda would be installed in front of Vidhana Soudha within a year.

He was speaking after conferring the Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda International Award during the 513th birth anniversary of the city's founder. He also said that the statue at Kempegowda International Airport would be dedicated during the inauguration of the Terminal 2 at the airport. "We plan to get the statue unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi". The inaugural award was conferred on former Chief Minister and BJP leader S.M. Krishna, former international shuttler Prakash Padukone, and Infosys co-founder N.R. Narayana Murthy.

The Chief Minister said that so far, the government had spent ₹85 crore towards the statue at the airport, and an additional ₹23 crore had been released for beautification. "This will also include efforts to highlight the history of the ruler. Once the Terminal 2 is launched, the airport will become the best airport in the country."

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PM invites G7 nations to invest in clean energy

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

Access to energy should not be a privilege of the rich and the poor also should have equal right to energy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday.

At a special session of the G7 summit in Germany, he said the clean energy sector had emerged as a major domain in India and developed economies should invest in this arena. "All of you will agree that energy access should not be the privilege of the rich only. A poor family also has the same rights. And today, when energy costs are sky-high due to geopolitical tensions, it is more important to remember this," he said at a session 'Investing in a better future: Climate, Energy, Health'.

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Alt News co-founder arrested for four-year-old Twitter post

Congress and Trinamool slam Zubair's arrest

ARNABJIT SUR
ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair was on Monday arrested by the Delhi Police's IFSO unit in connection with an "objectionable tweet" he had posted in 2018 against a Hindu deity, officers said.

The arrest quickly resulted in a strong political backlash with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeting in his support: "Every person exposing BJP's hate, bigotry and lies is a threat to them. Arresting one voice of truth will only give rise to a thousand more. Truth ALWAYS triumphs over tyranny #DaroMat".

Other senior Congress leaders such as Shashi Tharoor and Supriya Shrinate and Opposition leaders like Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien also spoke out against the arrest. "Strongly condemn the arrest of one of the world's finest journalists who exposes the BJP's #FakeNews factory every single day," Mr. O'Brien tweeted.

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State government announces eight changes in school textbooks

Opposition and educationists say the corrections made are 'too inadequate'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The State government issued a notification making eight corrections in the Class I to Class X Kannada and Social Science textbooks. This comes following objections raised by members of the public, people's representatives, and seers of various communities to the changes made in the textbooks by the Textbook Revision Committee, headed by Rohith Chakrathirtha.

However, the Opposition, writers, educationists, and seers have said the corrections made were "too inadequate" and demanded the withdrawal of the revised textbooks entirely. There have been hundreds of objections raised to the revised textbooks. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said while some changes had been brought in, the government had also decided to not change many things in the revised textbooks.

Some of the major changes accepted by the government include adding the prefix "Samvidhana Shilpi" to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in the Class IX textbook, which was there in the previous textbook but was dropped by the Rohit Chakrathirtha Committee. The government has also agreed to reinsert lines of the contributions of prominent Siddaganga Math and Adichunchanagiri Math and achievements of Surapura Naikas, that were dropped, assuaging the "hurt feelings" of Lingayat, Vokkaliga, and Naika communities. A lesson on Bhakti and Sufi saints, including passages on Purandaradasa and Kanakadasa will be re-added in Class VII Social Science textbook, the notification said.

Strong demand: People taking part in a rally demanding the withdrawal of revised textbooks in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

However, there is no clarity on how the passage on 12th century reformer Basaveshwara will be edited. There had been objections raised by Lingayat seers on dropping lines that informed of the revolt of Basaveshwara against Brahminism. The Chief Minister had said the lesson would be suitably edited so as to not hurt any feelings. The notification issued on Monday, says an edited version on Basaveshwara will be included, but offers no clarity on its contents.

The changes to the revised textbooks would be brought out in the form of the booklet and distributed across schools, as revised textbooks have already been printed and distributed in schools.

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In search of refuge

Safe shore: Personnel of the Coastal Security Group rescuing one of the two elderly Sri Lankan Tamils, found lying unconscious on the shore near Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu on Monday. Till now, 92 Sri Lankan nationals have entered the T.N. coast illegally after fleeing the crisis-hit island nation. • L. BALACHANDAR

Impasse over diesel may result in BMTC buses queuing up at fuel stations

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

If the impasse over Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buying diesel at retail outlets is not resolved soon, 6,803 buses will likely queue up at the city petrol stations, threatening to cause traffic snarls.

To cut operational costs, BMTC has been buying diesel from retail outlets where it is available at ₹88 per litre. The bulk purchase rate is pegged at a whopping ₹119 per litre. Fuel retailers now refill BMTC buses at depots supplying diesel in tankers, to which the oil companies have now taken objection to threatening to cancel retailer's licences.

This has created a situation where either BMTC has to buy fuel in bulk at a higher cost or refill fuel at petrol stations, which would cause traffic jams.

B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner (Traffic), Bengaluru, said if 6,803 buses queue up at fuel stations across the city, it would throw traffic out of gear in areas where these buses queue up at fuel outlets. "Our BMTC city buses cannot even get into several fuel stations as the driveway is narrow. It will be a traffic nightmare. We hope the issue is resolved soon. We will make our arrangements to handle the fallout of the impasse, if it is not resolved," he added.

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The BMTC has been buying diesel from retail outlets where it is available at ₹88 per litre. • FILE PHOTO

Lok Adalat: KSLSA settles a record 7.65 lakh cases in a day

It broke its own six-year-old record

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) has created a new record of amicably settling 7,65,077 cases in a day during the national Lok Adalat held on June 25 by breaking its own six-year-old record of settling 6,16,715 cases in a day.

Of these 7.65 lakh cases were settled amicably, 2,64,464 were from the cases pending in various courts in the State, and the remaining 5,00,613 cases were at pre-litigation stage before various statutory authorities in view of non-payment of traffic fines, electricity, and water bills, etc.

Justice B. Veerappa, judge of the Karnataka High Court and executive chairperson of KSLSA, told pressmen on Monday that of the 1,128 matrimonial cases settled in the Lok Adalat, 107 couples, including an octogenarian couple from Kalagatagi in Dharwad district who were living separately for the past 50 years, were reunited.

Highlights

A total **7,65,077** cases were settled

2,64,464 cases were pending in courts

5,00,613 cases were at pre-litigation stage

107 couples at loggerheads were reunited

SMS alerts to settle traffic violation cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The KSLSA, through the Police Department, has created an online platform to reach the owners of vehicles to pay fine in traffic rules violation cases booked by monitoring violations through surveillance cameras as a total ₹1,000 crore fine is due from violators.

Justice Veerappa, judge of the Karnataka High Court, said that a software application had been created to reach vehicle owners by sending SMS to their mobile phones on behalf of KSLSA asking them to close the traffic challan by paying fine . As many as 2.23 lakh traffic challans were closed as part of national Lok Adalat and ₹22.36 crore was collected as fine.

While 222 cases, involving ₹5.85 crore pending before the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority were disposed of, a total of ₹6.17 crore was awarded as compensation while settling 194 disputes in the State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, he said.

For the first time, Mr. Justice Veerappa said the cases pending before the State Information Commission were also included in the Lok Adalat and 97 pending cases were resolved.

He also said that 4,076 motor vehicle accident claim cases were settled resulting in award of a total compensation of ₹184.03 crore to accident victims and their family members, and the highest compensation of ₹2.03 crore was paid in one case. A skit on Lok Adalat enacted by children in a television show on a private Kannada television channel were among the public awareness programmes taken up by KSLSA.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Applying for Agnipath

94,281 The number of applications received by the Indian Air Force under the Agnipath scheme, four days after the registration process started. After the scheme was unveiled, violent protests against it rocked several States for nearly a week with several parties demanding its rollback. Under the scheme, youths between the ages of 17-and-a-half and 21 years would be inducted for a four-year tenure after which 25% of them will be inducted for regular service. PTI

Gig economy expansion

2.35 In crore, the expected expansion of India's gig workforce by 2029-30 from 77 lakh in 2020-21, according to a NITI Aayog report. It recommended extending social security measures for such workers and their families in partnership mode as envisaged in the Code on Social Security. The report titled 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy' said that gig workers are expected to form 6.7% of the non-agricultural workforce or 4.1% of the total livelihood in India by 2029-30. PTI

Hike in electricity bills

835 In percentage, the hike in price sought by the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) for its poorest customers with Sri Lanka out of fuel, according to the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka. The neighbouring state has been hit by an economic crisis, leaving it short of dollars for imports, including fuel to generate electricity. Currently, anyone using less than 30 KW a month pays a flat 54.27 rupees, which the CEB sought to raise to 507.65 rupees as the board lost 65 billion rupees in this year's first quarter. AFP

Countering the BRI

600 In $ billion, the funding expected to be mobilised by the G7 leaders including U.S. President Joe Biden by 2027 to deliver transparent and game-changing infrastructure projects in developing countries like India, in a move seen as a counter to Chinese President Xi Jinping's multi-trillion-dollar Belt and Road (BRI) Initiative. The Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment was unveiled during the G7 Summit re-launching a scheme unveiled at last year's G7 talks in England. PTI

Investment in aviation

14.5 In $ billion, the amount to be invested by Russia's government in the country's aviation industry by the end of this decade to boost the share of domestically manufactured aircraft. The Russian aviation industry has been in crisis since the West imposed sanctions after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, banning Russian airlines from flying to Europe and other countries. Russian airlines have largely stopped international flights, after leasing companies said they would seize planes in line with sanctions. REUTERS

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EXPLAINER

The significance of Sajid Mir's conviction in Pakistan

Why did it take so long for the neighbouring country to convict terror leaders and conspirators like Mir and Hafiz Saeed?

THE GIST

- The conviction of Sajid Mir, described by the U.S. as the mastermind behind the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, is the most significant action taken by Pakistan against Mir.
- According to the U.S. treasury department in 2012, Mir "trained and provided guidance to the [10] operatives involved in the attacks and directed the execution of hostages taken during the operation".
- Since June 2018, Pakistan has been on the "grey" list of the FATF. The conviction of Mir is a step forward in convincing the FATF and its affiliated bodies that Pakistan is serious about addressing concerns involving terror financing.

AMIT BARUAH

The story so far: Sajid Mir, described as the Lashkar-e-Taiba's (LeT) "project manager" of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks of 2008, was convicted on charges of terror financing by a Pakistan anti-terrorism court earlier this month. This sentencing has largely been seen as a move by Pakistan to get itself off the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) grey list.

Who is Sajid Mir and how has he been arrested and convicted?

The conviction of Sajid Mir, described by the U.S. as the mastermind behind the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, is the most significant action taken by Pakistan against Mir. The U.S. State Department's 2020 review of global terrorism, released in December 2021, specifically pointed out that Pakistan did not take steps to prosecute Mumbai "mastermind" Mir, and Masood Azhar, founder of the Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM). Placing Mir and Azhar in the same category is testimony to the importance of the two individuals. Mir was also responsible for recruiting terrorists for Lashkar's international operations, which brought him under the American radar.

In November 2020, Lashkar chief Hafiz Saeed was sentenced to jail time on multiple counts of terror funding; convictions that were reported in both the Pakistani and international press. However, Mir's sentencing was an altogether different affair. "It all happened so quietly that no one came to know about such an important court verdict in such a high-profile case, except for a very brief report in one of the newspapers..." the *Dawn* reported on June 25. Another Pakistani newspaper, *The News*, reported that Mir had been "missing" since the November 2008 terror strike on Mumbai, and that "rumours of his death were spread for some time".

Far from being missing or dead, Mir's conviction indicates that Pakistan was aware of his whereabouts. Given the close links between Lashkar and Pakistan's intelligence agencies, Mir's conviction relieves some of the pressure building up on Pakistan to conform to international norms for the moment. It also shows that Pakistan protects Lashkar "assets" as its own and proceeds against them only when forced. The shadowy nature of Mir's arrest and conviction also implies that only Pakistan's intelligence agencies were/are aware of his location.

What was Sajid Mir's role in the Mumbai terror strikes?

According to the U.S. treasury department in 2012, Mir "trained and provided guidance to the [10] operatives involved in the attacks and directed the execution of hostages taken during the operation". The terror leader also "directed the pre-operation target surveillance conducted by LeT operative David Coleman Headley for the attacks". Mir, a senior member of the Lashkar since 2001, was in charge of the LeT's international operations. He was also personal secretary to Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, known to have been the military chief of the Lashkar, who has been in and out of Pakistani jails. Also a key figure in the Mumbai terror strikes, Lakhvi like Mir and Saeed, has never been prosecuted for his actual role in the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

Sajid Mir was also responsible for recruiting terrorists for Lashkar's international operations, which brought him under the U.S. radar

In the same year, Mir and Headley met to plot a possible attack on the *Jyllands-Posten* newspaper in Copenhagen, Denmark. In August 2011, Mir was also charged as a co-conspirator by the U.S. for the Mumbai attacks. It remains to be seen whether the U.S. will seek Mir's extradition. The FBI has offered up to $5 million for information leading to his arrest. An arrest warrant for Mir was issued by the U.S. in April 2011.

Why did Pakistan take action against Mir now?

Since June 2018, Pakistan has been on the "grey" list of the FATF, the international counter-terror financing and anti-money laundering body. The conviction of Mir is a step forward in convincing the FATF and its affiliated bodies that Pakistan is serious about addressing concerns when it comes to senior terror functionaries involved in terror financing. Saeed, Lakhvi and now, Mir, have all been convicted for terror financing by Pakistani courts. The FATF, in its June deliberations, has said it will conduct an on-site visit to ensure Pakistani compliance. Continued presence on the grey list would have serious implications for Pakistan to do business with the rest of the world.

What role does the Lashkar-e-Taiba play ?

Unlike groups such as the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) or the (JeM), the Lashkar is not known to have conducted any terror strikes inside Pakistan nor has it called for the overthrow of the elected Pakistani government.

The Lashkar has been nurtured and used by the Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Directorate against India for several decades. It has been focused on India, which is in line with the ISI Directorate's policy of using non-state actors to commit acts of terrorism in India.

What are the dangers of not reining in groups like the Lashkar-e-Taiba?

Given that the Lashkar as an organisation has got away scot free for the Mumbai attacks and its relationship with the ISI remains intact, the group retains the ability to target civilians in India. The dramatic arrest of Ajmal Kasab, one of the 10 Mumbai attackers, who was captured alive during the attack by a Mumbai policeman, Tukaram Omble, gave the game away for Pakistan. Nearly 14 years after the Mumbai strikes, Pakistan is yet to cut its umbilical links with the Lashkar, a sign that the state is yet to align itself away from jihadist groups. India and Pakistan nearly came to war in 2008. Both Islamabad and Rawalpindi must be aware that the strategic cost of any major attack on India from Pakistani territory will extract a high price.

EXPLAINER

A history of the Sterlite Copper plant in Thoothukudi

Why did the local communities oppose the functioning of the copper plant in Tuticorin? Has its closure impacted the Indian copper industry?

SANGEETHA KANDAVEL

The story so far: In the last four years, teams from Sterlite Copper, a part of the Vedanta Group have been running around to get its legal issues fixed in order to re-open its plant at Thoothukudi which was closed in 2018. But now – even as the case is in the Supreme Court– the company suddenly announced that it is selling off the plant, raising eyebrows of the local people, industries, politicians and environmentalists who have been constantly tracking them.

Is the Vedanta Group hiving off its copper plant in Tamil Nadu?

On June 20, the Vedanta Group put out an advertisement which said that Sterlite Copper, Thoothukudi is up for sale. Vedanta, in conjunction with Axis Capital, has invited expression of interest (EOI) for the sale of its copper plant along with its other units, which includes the smelter complex (primary and secondary), sulphuric acid plant and copper refinery among others. The last day for submission of bids is July 4.

Why is the Sterlite copper plant up for sale?

Ever since the plant was sealed in 2018 by the Tamil Nadu government after seeking advice from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), the company has been running from pillar to post to re-open the plant.

Sterlite Copper has also been incurring a loss of five crore per day since it went under lock and key. During recent interactions the company officials indicated that even if the Supreme Court allowed them to re-open the company, it would need around ₹800 to ₹1,000 crore to revamp the plant. When questioned about the reason for the sale the company issued a statement in which it said that it was exploring options to make sure that the plant and the assets are best utilised to meet the growing copper demands of the nation.

Why was the plant under lock and key?

Trouble starting brewing for the company ever since it set foot in the Pearl city. The first blow for the company came from the fishermen in the region. The fishermen, backed by the Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK) a political party in Tamil Nadu, were worried that the effluents discharged by the plant would pollute the sea which will in turn ruin their livelihoods. In 2010, the Madras High Court ordered immediate closure of the plant for not complying with environmental norms. The Supreme Court later stayed the High Court's order.

Protesters demanding the closure of Vedanta's Sterlite Copper clashing with police on May 22, 2018. • PTI

The company got into troubled waters again in 2013 after a sulphur dioxide leak. But the Supreme Court allowed them to function after the payment of a fine of ₹100 crore for polluting land and water by running the company without approval for a considerable period of time. In 2018, after the company announced that it would be enhancing its capacity, large-scale protests from local and neighbouring localities broke out. On May 22, the protests turned violent and the police open fired which led to the death of 13 civilians. A week later the Tamil Nadu government sealed the plant.

What has the company said about the many allegations against it?

Officials at Sterlite have always emphasised the fact that the plant is equipped with full-fledged air pollution control measures and adequate solid waste management facilities. In the last four years, senior management has stressed that the plant follows Zero Liquid Discharge since inception – all the effluent is treated and recycled back into operations, so that there is no effluent discharge.

They also said that the regulator, TNPCB, carries out regular monthly sampling across all village bore wells and has found no abnormalities. All the allegations have already been dealt with in both the Supreme Court 2013 judgment and the National Green Tribunal 2013 judgment.

What was the impact of the closure of the plant?

India has shifted from being a large net exporter of refined copper to now being a net importer of copper during the last four years since the shutdown of the Tuticorin plant.

According to data provided by Care Ratings, India is now importing copper at a historically higher price close to around $9600 per tonne which is around 50% higher as compared to the average prices of copper when India was a net exporter of the same (around $6500 per tonne). Sterlite was a major domestic supplier of phosphoric acid with a capacity of 2,20,000 metric tonnes, which is a key raw material for fertilizer manufacturing companies. These fertilizer units were impacted due to stoppage of supplies and had to start importing.

While operational, it was the largest supplier of sulphuric acid (used in detergent and chemical industries) in Tamil Nadu, and had a 95% share of the market.

Why was a part of the Sterlite plant allowed to function during the COVID-19 pandemic?

On April 27, 2021, when the second wave of the pandemic was at its peak the Supreme Court granted permission to re-open two oxygen plants at Sterlite Copper's Thoothukudi plant.

While granting permission a bench comprising of Justices D.Y. Chandrachud, L. Nageswara Rao and S. Ravindra Bhat noted that this was done because of national need and that it does not mean they are favouring the Vedanta Group.

The Tamil Nadu government immediately constituted a seven-member committee headed by the then district collector to oversee proper functioning of the oxygen plants.

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'Diesel stock at BMTC depots will last only for five or six days'

Corporation seeks intervention of Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to resolve the impasse over buying fuel at retail outlets

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The existing stock of diesel at Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus depots will only last for another five or six days, after which, if the impasse over buying diesel in retail outlets is not resolved, buses will invariably queue up at petrol bunks in the city, said G. Satyavathi, MD, BMTC.

Oil marketing companies have warned of initiating action against the fuel station owners if they supply fuel directly to the depots. Out of fear of losing licences, outlet owners have stopped the supply to depots and instead have asked BMTC to send their buses to the bunks. Some of the depots in the city have already sent buses to bunks for refilling.

The corporation has written to the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, seeking an immediate intervention to resolve the impasse. Meanwhile, the corporation has also written to the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner warning of traffic snarls that might be caused by buses queuing up at petrol bunks.

To cut down on operational costs, the corporation has been purchasing fuel from retail outlets instead of bulk purchase from March 29.

Retailers were supplying fuel through tankers to depots in the city. The bulk purchase rate for diesel stands at ₹119 per litre, whereas from the retail outlets it is available for ₹88.

The decision of the corporation has helped it to save close to ₹75 lakh per day. The corporation requires 2.4 lakh litres of fuel every day. The BMTC has a fleet size of 6,803 buses and operating schedule of 5,663 buses.

"In the interest of the corporation and that of the public, we had started purchasing fuel from retailers. This has helped to save ₹75 lakh per day. After the oil companies warned of taking action, retailers stopped supplying directly to the depots. Once our stocks are over, vehicles will be sent to the fuel stations. We have already written to the city police commissioner seeking their cooperation to minimize the inconvenience to the public," Ms. Satyavathi said.

"We have appraised the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, about how the steep hike in bulk purchase of diesel is impacting the finances of the corporation which is in a bad shape and why it has opted to purchase fuel from retailers.. We have sought their intervention to direct oil marketing companies to not take action against retailers," she said.

Earnings made through fare box revenue goes for fuel, salary, and other maintenance expenses. Every day the corporation is facing a deficit of ₹1 crore.

The corporation is reeling under financial distress after the outbreak of pandemic and has ₹746 crore loan to repay, she explained.

The BMTC has requested the State government provide the financial aid to meet the expenses. "The Tamil Nadu government reimburses expenses incurred by the road transport corporation after the fuel prices crosses a cap. We too have requested the State government to provide assistance on similar lines," the MD said.

Murder: Labourer arrested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bagalur police have arrested a 35-year-old construction labourer, who allegedly stabbed his friend to death over a drunken brawl at his house on Bande Hodihalli road on Sunday.

The accused, Narayanaswamy, was a chronic alcoholic and living alone, since he and his wife separated. The accused would call his friend Chandru to drink at home, according to the police.

The police said that on Sunday the duo got together and after a couple of drinks, Narayanaswamy had a heated argument with Chandru over a trivial row.

In the melee, he took a kitchen knife and stabbed Chandru repeatedly, killing him on the spot, and later fled from the scene, according to the police.

The murder came to light when a boy from the neighbourhood playing outside his house, heard the commotion, saw Chandru lying in a pool of blood, and alerted his parents.

The Bagalaur police rushed to the spot and shifted the body for post-mortem and later tracked down Narayanaswamy, who was trying to flee the city.

The accused was arrested on the charge of murder.

Repairs to be taken up on 50 stretches in city

Heads of multiple civic agencies will jointly inspect bottlenecks

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The city traffic police have identified 50 stretches of roads heavily damaged by the recent spate of rains and want the city's civic body to take up repair works on these stretches immediately, to reduce congestion.

At a meeting of heads of all civic agencies, chaired by Additional Chief Secretaries of Home and Urban Development Departments, it was decided to take up roadworks on these stretches immediately.

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said the city traffic police will also come out with inspection reports on those roads where potholes are causing inconvenience to the motorists.

"As per our assessment there are around 1,100 potholes whereas the police say it is up to 2,000. We have asked them to carry out an inspection and submit a report about potholes that have not been filled yet. Depending on the report, the BBMP will carry out repair works," he said.

Monday's meeting, attended by chiefs of BBMP, BDA, BWSSB, Bescom, BMRCL, and Bengaluru Smart City Ltd., followed a recent review meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, in which he directed officials to ease congestion at 10 traffic bottlenecks immediately.

This comes in the light of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at a recent public rally, promising to ease traffic congestion in the city, ahead of the scheduled civic and Assembly polls.

The heads of various civic agencies will inspect these bottlenecks on Tuesday after 11 p.m. to take stock of the situation and plan interventions.

Mr. Nath said both short-term and long-term measures will be taken to clear bottlenecks at various places, including Hebbal, K.R. Puram, Central Silk Board, and others.

"By taking some immediate measures, we can reduce the congestion by at least 20%. We are ready to take up immediate measures by coordinating with other agencies," he said.

When quizzed about a report, on the recent fiasco over substandard road works, to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Mr. Nath said that the area where the sinkhole had appeared was not part of the convoy route of the Prime Minister.

The official said that repair works on that location were carried out in November 2021 and due to seepage of water, a portion sunk in April. The official claimed that during the PM's visit, the pothole was filled and no fresh road works were taken up in that location.

Traffic policemen suspended for taking ₹2,500 from businessman

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

An assistant sub inspector and a head constable, attached to The Halasuru Gate traffic station, have been suspended for allegedly taking ₹2,500 from a Kerala-based businessman, after threatening him to foist a violation case on him and fine him ₹20,000 on June 10.

The accused, Mahesh D.C. and Gangadharappa, who were on duty at Devanga Junction intercepted the car of Santosh Kumar for a random vehicle check and objected to him carrying a wash basin in the car, said the police.

The duo threatened him that it amounted to a traffic violation and asked him to pay ₹20,000 in the court. After reasoning, the duo agreed to take ₹2,500 and let him go without issuing a receipt.

Mr. Kumar raised a complaint with the Traffic Department online seeking action. Based on the complaint, B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), ordered an enquiry.

A probe revealed that the duo did not wear body cameras and stopped the car randomly to check documents.

Ban on random checks

Director-General and Inspector-General of Police Praveen Sood on Monday instructed the city traffic police not to stop any vehicles for random checks unless in cases of traffic violations or during special drives like drunk driving.

He was responding to Srivatsava Vajapeyam, who tweeted to Mr. Sood that when he headed the city traffic police he had banned stopping vehicles for random checks, but when he had become the State police chief such random checks had become the norm.

"I reiterate again... no vehicle shall be stopped merely for checking documents unless it has committed a traffic violation visible to the naked eye. Only exception is drunken driving. Have instructed Bengaluru Police Commissioner and Joint Commissioner (Traffic) for its implementation immediately," he tweeted.

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Notice is given on behalf of my client **Mr. E Gopal Reddy and Mrs. Uma R.** that the property as more Particularly described in the schedule hereunder and Situated at **Maraluru Village, Kadaiveni Mandal, Kasaba Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk.**

Any person(s) having claim(s) or objection(s) to our client purchasing the above property should write the undersigned within **7 days** from the date hereof failing which our client shall be free to purchase the said property from the aforesaid persons.

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1	कार्य का नाम	Construction of 1000 MT Food Grain Godown at Karra Block, Khunti.
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3	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	9 महीने
4	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	04.07.2022
5	वेबसाइट पर बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अन्तिम तिथि / समय	18.07.2022 के 11.00 AM तक
6	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	ई – प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्बाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, रांची।
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
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Dated : 21-06-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Sl.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value
1	Baiyyappanahalli - Hosur Doubling : Proposed construction of Road Over Bridge as span 1x72.00m Box String Girder & 11x18.71m PSC Girder + RE Panels in Approaches in lieu of LC no. 132 at Km. 193/300-400 at Carmelaram Yard. **(Tender Ref. No. BYPL-HSRA-ROB-LC132)**	Rs. 36,50,94,015/-
2	Gadag - Hotgi Doubling Section : Construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 72, 1x36.0m Railway span with Box String Girder including approaches with 2x18.46m PSC girder spans and RE Blocks with Geo-Grid at Km : 164/200-300 in Mulvad yard on Mulvad - Manuguli Road. **(Tender Ref. No.: HGA-81)**	Rs. 20,38,37,393/-
3	Request for Proposal for appointment of Authority Engineer for providing Project Management Services for Major Upgradation of Railway Station at Bengaluru Cantonment of South Western Railway. **(Tender Ref. No.: PMS-BNC-SD)**	Rs. 18,15,97,169/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. for Sl. No. 1 & 2 on 13-07-2022 and Sl. No. 3 on 04-08-2022**
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JYOTHI** Subramanyam, R/a Flat No.502, Durga Flute, Ashokpuram Community Hall Rd, Industrial Suburb, M L Puram, Yeswanthapura, B'luru-22 have changed my name to Jyothi Thyagaraja vide affidavit dt: 27.07.2022 sworn before Notary S.Vijayakumar, B'lore

I, **S.DEEPA** Pyancy, W/o JC-314080Y Rank: No.Sub Name: P.Raja Pandian, R/a Mettu Irungalur, Tiruchy, Tamilnadu-621105 have changed my name from Deepa Pyancy to S.Deepa Pyancy vide affidavit dt: 25.06.2022 sworn before Notary Lakshminarayana, B'lore.

WE, DAYANANDA Sagar. J and Mamatharani H S, R/o No.186, Near Ganesha Temple, BEL Colony, Jalahalli Bengaluru-560013, have changed our son's name from Swayam.D to Sarva Shriyan.D vide affidavit dated 23-06-2022 before Notary K.S.Giridhar, Bengaluru.

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It is brought to the notice of General Public that our Client is intending to purchase immovable properties 1) New No. 26/1, (earlier Northern portion of property No. 26) (Old No. 26/7), PID No 84-223-26/1, at Krishnaiahnapalya, K.R.Puram Hobli, BETQ, now called as 1st Cross, 1st Main, Krishnaiahnapalya, B'lore with building standing thereon and bounded on East By: 20 ft Road, West By: Remaining portion and Sri. Chikkamuniyappa's House, North by: Sri. Chalapathy & Sri. Manjunath's Property, South by: Remaining portion retained by Smt. V. Malar, Measuring E-W: 34+30/2 ft and N-S:20 ft in all 640 sq ft, & 2) New No. 28/7, (earlier portion of property No. 26) (Old No. 28/7), PID No 84-223-28/7, at Krishnaiahnapalya, K.R.Puram Hobli, BETQ, bounded on the East By: Property belongs to Smt. Malar, West By: Sri. Chikkamuniyappa's House, North by: Sri. Chalapathy and Sri. Manjunath's Property, South by: Remaining portion retained by the predecessor to Vendor herein and Measuring E-W: 6+10/2 ft and N-S : 20 ft in all measuring 160 sq ft from its owner **M.K. SHIVANANJAPPA**, S/o. Late Malle Gowda, No. 6, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Krishnaiahnapalya, Indiranagar Post, B'lore-38 Any person/s having objections to the said transactions can register their claim/s with documentary evidence with the undersigned within 15 days of publication hereof, failing which, our client will proceed with the transactions and any claim/s received thereafter will not be entertained.

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Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover Sysytem)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through e-procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. **TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)
1)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT153684	500.00
2)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT153148	300.00
3)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT153149	350.00
4)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT153051	300.00
5)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT153147	250.00
6)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT153700	350.00
7)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT153683	450.00
8)	KPWD/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT153398	700.00

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers can view in e_Procurement Portal.

1) Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the works: **30-06-2022 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.** 2) Last dates for queries (through e-procurement portal: **02-07-2022 upto 12.00 Hours.** 3) Last date for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal: **08-07-2022 upto 16.00 Hours.** 4) Date and time of opening of Technical Bids: **11-07-2022 at 11.00 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients are desirous of purchasing all that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands bearing **Survey Nos.191, 192/1, 192/2, 193, 194, 195/1, 195/2, 196, 197/1, 197/2, 199/1, 199/2, 202/1, 204, 207 & 209/5, all situated at Koraluru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** and **Survey No.20/1 situated at Appajpura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** morefully described in **Item Nos.1 to 17 in the Schedule hereunder ("Schedule Property")**, from its present owners whose names are set out against their respective items **("Owners")**.

Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or against the Owners or objecting to such transaction with our clients, should write to the undersigned within **ten (10) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted lands, all situated at **Koraluru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** measuring in all **about 22 Acres 2¼ Guntas,** detailed in the manner set out in the table herein below: -

Item No.	Survey No.	Name of the Owner	Actual Extent A	Actual Extent G	Kharab A	Kharab G	Boundaries East	Boundaries West	Boundaries North	Boundaries South
Koraluru Village										
1	191	K. V. Chacko S/o K. C. V. Thomas	2	0	0	0	Sy No. 192	Sy No. 42 & 207	Railway Track	Sy No. 196
2	192/1	M. N. Chittiappa s/o late M. Nachaiah Chittiappa	0	22	0	0	Sy No. 193	Sy No. 192/2	Railway Track	Sy No. 197/1
3	192/2	Suja Issac S/o Issac Mathai	1	22	0	0	Sy No. 192/1	Sy No. 191	Railway Track	Sy No.197/2 &197/3
4	193	BCK Delphi Estates LLP	2	01	0	0	Sy No. 194	Sy No. 192/1	Railway Track	Sy No. 195
5	194	BCK Delphi Estates LLP	2	00	0	0	Sy No. 20/1 Appajipura Village	Sy No. 193	Railway Track	Sy No. 195/1 & 195/2
6	195/1	K. V. Chacko S/o K. C. V. Thomas	1	00	0	0	Sy No. 195/2	Sy No. 196	Sy No. 194	Govt. Road
7	195/2	K. V. Chacko S/o K. C. V. Thomas	1	00	0	0	Sy No. 20/2 Appajipura Village	Sy No. 195/1	Sy No. 194	Govt. Road
8	196	R. K. Shanmugam S/o M. Kallappa Gowda	1	39	0	0	Sy No. 195/1	Sy No. 197/1	Sy No. 193	Govt. Road
9	197/1	K. V. Chacko S/o K. C. V. Thomas	0	26 3/4	0	0	Sy No. 196	Sy No. 197/2	Sy No. 192	Govt. Road
10	197/2	Shankar S/o late Thimmarayappa	0	26 1/2	0	0	Sy No. 197/1	Sy No. 197/3	Sy No. 192/2	Govt. Road
11	199/1	K. V. Chacko S/o K. C. V. Thomas	0	26 3/4	0	0	Sy No. 199/2	Sy No. 209/1	Govt. Road	Sy No. 202/1
12	199/2	Shankar S/o late Thimmarayappa	0	26 1/2	0	0	Sy No. 199/3	Sy No. 199/1	Govt. Road	Sy No. 202/1 & 202/2
13	202/1	K. V. Chacko S/o K. C. V. Thomas	0	26 3/4	0	0	Sy No. 202/2	Sy No. 209/4 & 209/5	Sy No. 199/1 & 199/2	Sy No. 204
14	204	K. V. Chacko S/o K. C. V. Thomas	2	00	0	0	Samathe nahalli Village Boundary	Sy No. 209/5	Sy No. 209/5, 202 & 203	Road
15	207	K. V. Chacko S/o K. C. V. Thomas	2	00	0	0	Sy Nos. 191 & 198	Sy No. 42	Sy No. 42	Sy No. 42
16	209/5	Shobha Sajan W/o late Sajan Joseph. K	1	05	0	1/2	Sy Nos. 202/1 & 204	Sy No. 209/2	Sy No. 209/4	Road
Appajpura Village										
17	20/1	BCK Delphi Estates LLP	1	20	0	0	Sy No. 20/3	Sy No.194, Koraluru Village	Railway Track	Sy No. 20/2
	Total		22	2¼	0	1/2				

Approved by : 1) K. V. Chacko
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

When defection is a mere detour for an MLA

It is possible to avoid Karnataka-like incidents if MLAs jumping ship are disqualified for six years

S.Y. QURAISHI

THE GIST

- The most prominent case of political defection was that of Haryana's Gaya Lal, originally an independent MLA who, in 1967, juggled between the Congress and Janata Party for two weeks. The recurrence of this phenomenon led to the 1985 Anti-Defection Law.
- The Anti-Defection Law provided a safeguard for defections made on genuine ideological differences. It accepted "split" within a party if at least one-third of the members of the legislative party defect, and allowed the formation of a new party or "merger" with other political party if not less than two-thirds of the party's members commit to it.
- Defections like these can only be stopped by extending the disqualification period from re-contesting to at least six years.

The Supreme Court, after hearing rebel MLA faction leader Eknath Shinde's petition challenging the disqualification notices issued to him and 15 other rebel MLAs, extended the deadline given to the concerned MLAs to file their responses to the disqualification notices. In this article dated January 3, 2020, S.Y. Quraishi explains how defecting MLAs need to be barred for at least six years before they can contest elections again.

They defected, re-contested, and became members again, all in six months. Some are even likely to become Ministers soon.

The Karnataka byelection results have widely put to display the ineffectiveness of the Anti-Defection Law. Of the 17 defecting Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) MLAs, 11 were re-elected on a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ticket. Not only did this set of events lay down a well-structured framework to sidestep the law, it even set a dangerous precedent for neutralising the consequences of the law altogether.

The phenomenon of defections is not new to Indian politics. It has been plaguing the political landscape for over five decades. The most prominent case was that of Haryana's Gaya Lal, originally an independent MLA who, in 1967, juggled between the Congress and Janata Party for two weeks, during which he switched his loyalty thrice. The recurrence of this evil phenomenon led to the 1985 Anti-Defection Law, which defined three grounds of disqualification of MLAs – giving up party membership; going against party whip; and abstaining from voting.

Resignation not a condition

Resignation as MLA was not one of the conditions. Exploiting this loophole, the 17 rebel MLAs in Karnataka resigned, their act aimed at ending the majority of the ruling coalition and, at the same time, avoiding disqualification. However, the Speaker refused to accept the resignations and declared them disqualified. This was possible as the legislation empowers the presiding officer of the House (i.e. the Speaker) to decide on complaints of defection under no time constraint.

The main issue is that defectors treat disqualification as a mere detour, before they return to the House or government by re-contesting

The law originally protected the Speaker's decision from judicial review. However, this safeguard was struck down in *Kihoto Hollohan v. Zachillhu and Others* (1992). While the SC upheld the Speaker's discretionary power, it underscored that the Speaker functioned as a tribunal under the anti-defection law, thereby making her/his decisions subject to judicial review. This judgment enabled judiciary to become the watchdog of the anti-defection law, instead of the Speaker, who increasingly had become a political character contrary to the expected neutral constitutional role. The same could be witnessed in *Shrimanth Balasaheb Patel & Ors vs Speaker Karnataka Legislative Assembly & Ors* (2019), where the three-judge SC bench upheld the then Karnataka Speaker's decision of disqualification of the 17 rebel MLAs. However, it struck down his ban on the MLAs from contesting elections till 2023, negating the only possible permanent solution to the problem. The Supreme Court played the role of a neutral umpire in this political slugfest. But, the spectacle of MLAs hoarded in a bus, and being sent to a resort, openly exposed not just the absence of ideological ties between a leader and his party, but also her/his weak moral character. It was also upsetting to see public acceptance of such malpractices as part of politics, with some even calling it Chanakya niti!

Exit, and swift return

The Anti-Defection Law provided a safeguard for defections made on genuine ideological differences. It accepted "split" within a party if at least one-third of the members of the legislative party defect, and allowed the formation of a new party or "merger" with other political party if not less than two-thirds of the party's members commit to it. The 91st Constitutional Amendment introduced in 2003 deleted the provision allowing split.

The 91st Amendment also barred the appointment of defectors as Ministers until their disqualification period is over or they are re-elected, whichever is earlier. But, obviously, such laws have not put to rest the trend of defections.

The main issue, as witnessed in Karnataka, is that the defectors treat disqualification as a mere detour, before they return to the House or government by re-contesting. This can only be stopped by extending the disqualification period from re-contesting and appointment to Chairmanships/Ministries to at least six years. The minimum period limit of six years is needed to ensure that the defectors are not allowed to enter the election fray for least one election cycle, which is five years.

Of course, MLAs can still be bought from the ruling dispensation to bring it to a minority by being paid hefty sums, simply to stay at home for six years. Almost every political outfit has been party to such devious games, with hardly any political will to find a solution.

The writer is former Chief Election Commissioner of India and the author of An Undocumented Wonder – The Making of the Great Indian Election

KEYWORD

Economic calculation problem

Whether resources can be efficiently organised in a centrally planned economy

PRASHANTH PERUMAL

Also known as the socialist calculation debate, this refers to an important academic debate on the question of whether centrally planned economies can allocate scarce resources efficiently. The debate was between the Austrian school economists Ludwig von Mises and Friedrich Hayek on the one side and socialist economists Oscar Lange and Abba Lerner on the other in the first half of the twentieth century.

The debate

The debate was kickstarted by Mises' 1920 monograph "Economic Calculation in the Socialist Commonwealth" which argued that rational allocation of resources was impossible in a centrally planned socialist economy. Mises argued that in the absence of private property, as is the case in a centrally planned economy, there would be no market for resources and hence no rational resource allocation. Before Mises, many economists had argued that a socialist economy would be inefficient because it did not reward people according to their economic output. The logic was that people in general would have very little incentive to work hard when rewards are skewed. Mises, however, argued that even if a solution was found to the problem of incentives, a socialist economy would still not function efficiently. This, he argued, was because the group of central planners managing the economy would not have sufficient information to allocate the scarce resources under their control efficiently.

It should be remembered that resources in any economy are scarce when compared to the unlimited desires of human beings. So, these limited resources need to be allocated towards the most urgent needs of society in order to maximise social welfare. Take the case of a raw material like timber. It can be allocated for literally thousands of different uses, some a lot more urgent than others. In a market economy, in which resources are owned by private individuals who are free to exchange the resources that they own for resources owned by others, prices act as a crucial signal. When resource owners sell their resources to whoever is ready to pay the highest price, they thus ensure that the resource is allocated to those who need it the most. The implicit assumption here is that, generally speaking, people who are willing to pay the highest price for a resource also want it the most urgently.

In a centrally planned socialist economy, in which all resources are owned by the state, decisions regarding where to allocate resources are made by a group of central planners. No resource is owned by private individuals, and hence there is no possibility of exchange between individuals and the formation of market prices to guide the allocation of resources. Mises and Hayek argued that in the absence of prices which act as crucial signals to producers in a market economy, central planners would be left groping in the dark trying to figure out how to allocate resources. Central planners will, for instance, have to know by other means how much of the timber that is produced in a day need to be allocated towards each of the thousands of uses towards which it could possibly be allocated. In a market economy, this decision is made spontaneously together by millions of individuals through the market.

The socialist argument

Some socialist economists, however, retorted that markets were not essential for the rational allocation of resources. They argued that a central planning board can allocate resources according to a plan that takes into account the genuine needs of society. Other socialist economists such as Lange, however, acknowledged the importance of prices in resource allocation. They argued that a socialist economy can use the market mechanism to allocate resources even when all resources are owned by the state.

THE DAILY QUIZ

The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand on June 28 in 1914 precipitated World War I. A quiz on the Great War that saw over 35 million casualties

1 Where and by who was the Archduke and his wife assassinated?

2 Name the 'Powers' that were the belligerents in the war that lasted more than four years and three months?

3 Which weaponry, now common in any country's military arsenal, was first used by the British in September 1916 at Flers-Courcelette during the Battle of the Somme?

4 Margaretha Geertruida MacLeod was a Dutch dancer and courtesan who was shot by the French on charges of spying for Germany during World War I. How is she better known?

5 What prompted the U.S. to join the War?

6 Name the organisation, headquartered in Geneva that was created after WWI as a forum to resolve international disputes.

7 Which flower has come to symbolise World War I and the soldiers who died in conflict?

8 The treaty that ended the state of war between Germany and the Allied Powers was signed exactly five years after the killing of Franz Ferdinand. In which famous location was it signed?

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◄ Designed by Sir Herbert Baker, and opened in 1927, where is this main memorial to the Indian Army that fought on the Western Front?

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The member of this rebel group of the 1960s and 70s, led by Marxist lawyer Raul Sendic, went on to become the President of Uruguay. **Ans: Jose Pepe Mujica, Tupamaros**
2. This person was a member of the Democratic Labour Party before joining the Workers Party in the early 2000s and later becoming President in 2011. **Ans: Dilma Rousseff**
3. A former corporal in the Portuguese army, this rebel and freedom fighter went on to head the first new sovereign state of the 21st century. **Ans: Xanana Gusmao, Timor-Leste**
4. Known by his nom de guerre Commander Leonel Gonzalez, this person went on to become the only ex-rebel to become President in 2016. **Ans: Salvador Sanchez Ceren**
5. The only President of India to win the post as an independent candidate in the presidential elections. **Ans: V.V.Giri**
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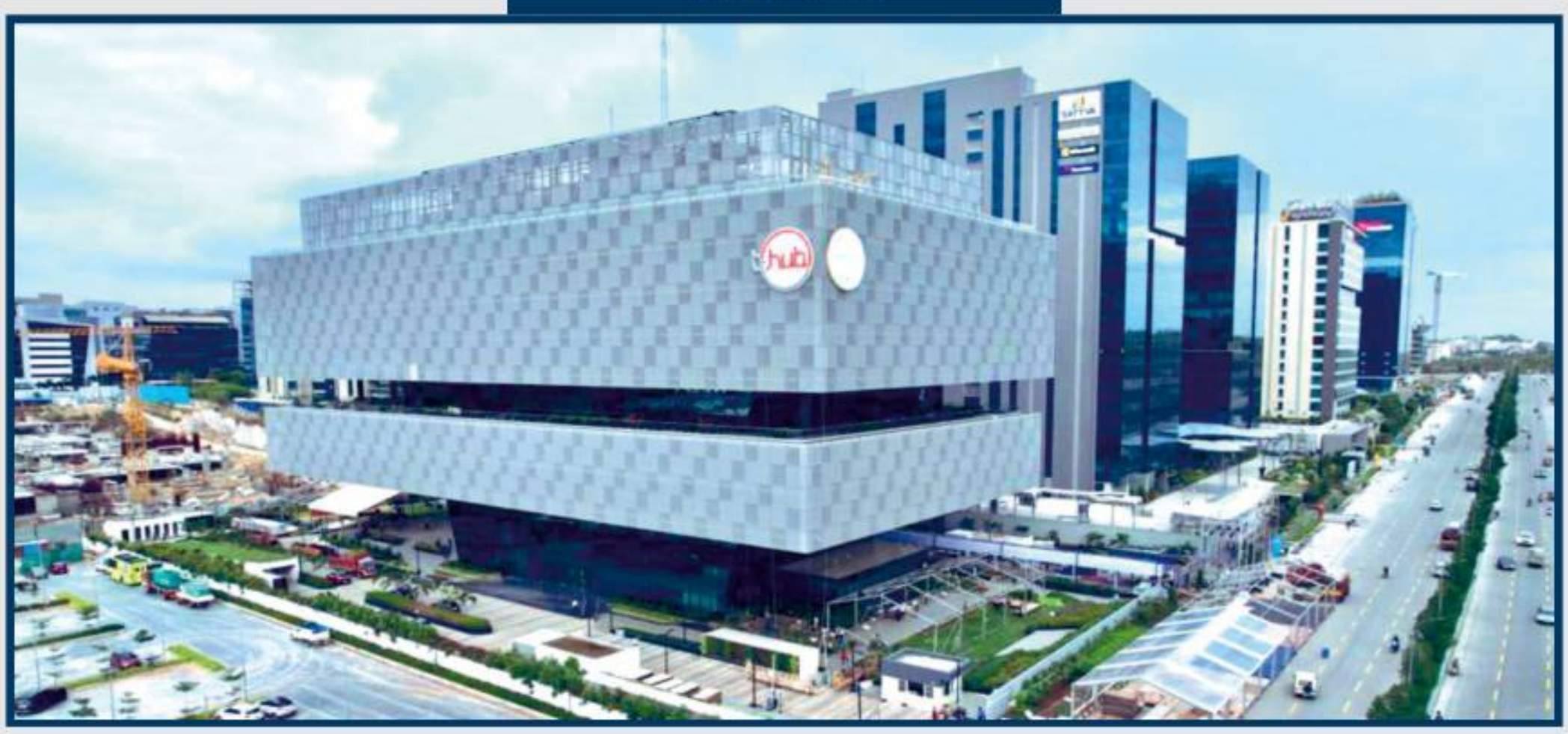

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Man held on charge of stealing two-wheelers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Ramamurthynagar police on Monday arrested a 23-year-old man on the charge of stealing bikes and recovered eight vehicles worth ₹5 lakh from him.

The accused Rakesh, along with two of his associates, would steal bikes parked in front of the houses in residential areas, according to the police.

Based on a complaint, the police verified the CCTV camera footage from in and around the area and identified Rakesh, and arrested him.

Kempe Gowda centre campus work yet to begin

It's been five years since the foundation stone was laid

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

Five years after laying the foundation stone, work on the Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda Research and Study Centre campus is yet to take off.

Though tenders have been called thrice, none were finalised and work orders issued, and the project is now pending before Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai for approval of escalation of costs.

- The Siddaramaiah-led government initiated the project and granted 3 acres of land on the Jnana Bharathi campus of Bangalore University and earmarked ₹50 crore for the project, through the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

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To woo Vokkaligas

Pitched as a project to woo the politically significant Vokkaliga community ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls, the Congress government got Nirmalanandanatha Swami, seer of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, to lay the foundation stone in September, 2017.

Since then, the State has seen three governments and four Chief Ministers, but the project is yet to take off.

Tenders called thrice

Sources said BBMP has called tenders for the works thrice since 2017 and the same firm has been selected as the final bidder.

But the company has always quoted the cost to be much higher than ₹50 crore, the allotted cost for the project, citing inflation in construction materials and labour costs, derailing the tenders.

The lockdowns and labour crisis has also delayed the project, sources said.

Minister for Higher Education C.N. Ashwath Narayan told *The Hindu* that all the technical problems relating to the tender process were recently resolved and the file was pending before the Chief Minister for approval, and once it is approved, it would be sped up.

Seeking approval

Sources said a file seeking the Finance Department and the Bengaluru Development Department's approval for escalation of costs had been put up before the Chief Minister. N. Shaik Masthan, Director, Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda Research and Study Centre, said they were presently working out of a temporary accommodation in Bangalore University.

"Over the last five years, we have conducted a study of lakes built by Kempe Gowda and his descendants in and around the city, and did a study on social developments during his tenure. The centre has also taken up field visits to dig out inscriptions related to Kempe Gowda and his family," he said.

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Villagers stop dumping of debris into quarry pits

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Alert villagers of Mylasandra in Electronic City recently caught 15 vehicles which were dumping construction and debris waste into the quarry pits situated on government land, which is causing pollution in and around the village.

The villagers later alerted Raju H., Revenue Inspector of the area, who handed over the vehicles to the Electronics City police and filed a complaint.

Based on the complaint the police have registered a case against unknown persons charging them under Section 278 (making atmosphere noxious to health) and Section 447 (criminal tresspass) of the IPC for further investigation.

Mr. Raju, in his complaint, said that the drivers of the trucks and tractors abandoned the vehicles and escaped soon after villagers gathered at the spot and protested.

The police have summoned the owners of the vehicles to ascertain who is responsible for dumping debris.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 13th June, 2022

S.O. 2699(E).— In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act,1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building(widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc..), maintenance, management and operation of **NH275 in the stretch of land from Km 17.3 to Km136.3 (Bangalore-Mysuru)** in the district of MANDYA in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in this News Paper, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority Mysuru with office at No.984,1 st Floor, Geetha Road, Chamarajapuram Mysuru-570005 (0821-2333666)in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km 17.3 to Km. 136.3 (Bangalore-Mysuru) of NH 275 in the district of MANDYA in the state of KARNATAKA

State :KARNATAKA			District :MANDY	
Sr. No.	Survey / Plot No.	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in (Square Meter)
Taluk : Maddur			Village : K.Kodihalli	
1	33	Private	Dry/wet	1,964
2	40	Private	Dry/wet	28
3	ROAD B/W 40 & 33	Government	ROAD	176
Taluk : Maddur			Village : Maddur	
1	323/1	Private	NAK	160
2	324/1	Private	NAK	39
3	324/2	Private	NAK	33
4	371/1B	Private	NAK	363
5	371/2	Private	NAK	17
6	794/3A5	Private	NAK	121
7	794/3B	Private	NAK	22
8	795	Private	NAK	33
Taluk : Maddur			Village : Mobbalagere	
1	83/1A2A/A2A	Private	Dry/wet	170
Taluk : Maddur			Village : Rudrakshipura	
1	108/2	Private	Dry/wet	320
2	108/3	Private	Dry/wet	120
3	94/4	Private	Dry/wet	170
Taluk : Mandya			Village : B.Gowdagere	
1	121	Private	DRY/WET	274
2	122	Private	DRY/WET	220
3	123	Private	DRY/WET	220
4	126	Private	DRY/WET	138
5	139	Private	DRY/WET	188
6	139	Private	DRY/WET	50
7	148	Private	DRY/WET	82
8	149	Private	DRY/WET	123
9	153	Private	DRY/WET	167
10	175	Private	DRY/WET	63
11	178	Private	DRY/WET	63
Taluk : Mandya			Village : B.Hosahalli	
1	39	Private	WET	70
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Boodanuru	
1	100	Private	NAK	461
2	102	Private	GT	177
3	105	Private	DRY/WET	197
4	105/1a	Private	NAK	100
5	105/1b	Private	NAK	100
6	125/2	Private	NAK	200
7	129	Private	DRY/WET/NAK	701
8	130	Private	GT/NAK	325
9	131	Private	NAK	550
10	149	Private	GRAMATANA	165
11	151	Private	GT/NAK	417
12	152	Private	GT/NAK	265
13	153	Private	GT/NAK	241
14	21	Private	DRY/WET	3,628
15	22	Private	DRY/NAK/WET	1,739
16	23/1A2	Private	DRY/WET	69
17	23/3	Private	DRY/WET	176
18	236	Common (PRIVATE/GOVT)	DRY/GVT	381
19	238	Private	WET	286
20	244	Private	DRY/WET	77
21	246	Private	DRY/WET	77
22	247	Private	DRY/WET	63
23	248	Private	DRY/WET	96
24	249/1	Private	DRY/WET	338
25	250	Private	DRY/WET	107
26	282/7	Private	DRY/WET	176
27	290	Private	DRY/WET	2,136
28	290/1	Private	DRY/WET/NAK	2,354
29	292	Private	DRY/WET	1,462
30	294	Private	WET	77
31	295	Private	DRY/NAK	1,085
32	296	Private	DRY/WET	35
33	302	Common	DRY/GT	3,279
34	308	Private	DRY/WET	154
35	309	Private	DRY/WET	155
36	312	Private	DRY/WET	155
37	315	Private	DRY/WET	517
38	349	Private	DRY/WET	4,283
39	350/4	Private	DRY/WET	68
40	350/5	Private	DRY/WET	262
41	96	Private	GT	661
42	97	Private	GT	736
43	99	Private	GT	710
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Elechakanahalli	
1	104	Private	DRY/NAK	50
2	106	Private	DRY/NAK/GT	530
3	107	Private	DRY/GT	639
4	108	Private	DRY/NAK/GT	560
5	111	Government	POND	20
6	112	Private	Dry/wet	30
7	118	Private	DRY/WET	572
8	119	Private	DRY/WET	2,100
9	119	Private	DRY/NAK	71
10	120	Private	NAK/KIADB	65
11	121	Private	DRY/WET	63
12	146	Private	DRY/NAK	65
13	148	Private	DRY/WET /NAK/GT	1,620
14	149	Private	GT/NAK	806
15	170	Private	GT	1,250
16	171	Private	DRY/GT	1,510
17	172	Private	DRY/WET	330
18	98	Private	NAK	67
19	99	Private	DRY/NAK	79
20	in bet svyno 148/6 &149	Private	WET/GVT	189
21	ROAD B/W 107/13B1 &106/2B	Common(PRIVATE /GOVERNMENT)	GT/GVT	321
22	VILLAGE LAND B/W 107 & 105	Private	GT	63
23	VILLAGE LAND B/W 149 & 170	Private	GT	440
24	VILLAGE LAND B/W 171/6 &172/2	Private	GT	286
25	VILLAGE LAND B/W 171/6 &172/2	Private	GT	275
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Gopalapura	
1	80	Private	WET	816
2	CANAL B/W 104 & Village Boundary	Government	NALA	253
3	CANAL B/W 78 & VILLAGE BOUNDARY	Government	NALA	262
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Halasagere	
1	13/1	Private	WET	22
2	14	Private	WET	699
3	15	Private	Dry/wet/NAK	219
4	2	Private	DRY/WET	67
5	28	Private	DRY/WET	106
6	3	Private	DRY/WET	204
7	31	Private	DRY/WET	225
8	32	Private	WET	393
9	4	Private	DRY/WET	200
10	41/2D	Private	WET	66
11	42	Private	DRY/WET	63
12	43	Private	DRY/WET	63
13	44	Private	DRY/WET	138
14	46	Private	DRY/WET	138
15	49	Private	DRY/WET	125
16	51	Private	DRY/WET	145
17	54	Private	DRY/WET	128
18	55	Private	DRY/WET	106
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Holalu	
1	46	Private	Dry/wet	100
2	48	Private	Dry/wet	581
3	55	Private	Dry/wet	200
4	56	Private	Dry/wet	100
5	57/5	Private	DRY/WET	220
6	59	Private	Dry/wet	93
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Indavalu	
1	188	Private	WET	63
2	2/1	Private	GT/NAK	161
3	29	Private	WET	69
4	3	Private	GT	165
5	4/1C2	Private	NAK	34
6	43	Private	WET / NAK	4,727
7	44	Private	WET	1,027
8	45	Private	DRY/WET/NAK/GT	1,960
9	49	Private	GT	63
10	5	Private	WET	1,322
11	55	Private	GT/NAK	212
12	56	Private	GT	211
13	57	Private	WET	822
14	60	Private	WET	211
15	GT. V/L B/W 1 &50	Private	GT	63
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Kalenahalli	
1	10	Private	DRY/NAK	246
2	11	Private	DRY/WET	250
3	12	Private	wet	50
4	3	Private	DRY/WET/ NAK/GT	1,150
5	4	Private	DRY/NAK	171
6	5	Private	DRY/NAK	360
7	8	Private	WET/NAK	50
8	9	Private	DRY/NAK	50
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Kiraganduru	
1	109	Private	DRY/NAK	3,014
2	110	Private	WET	88
3	111	Private	WET	1,100
4	115	Private	Dry/wet	550
5	116	Private	WET	2,696
6	117	Private	WET	905
7	257	Private	WET	897
8	258	Private	WET	297
9	94	Private	Dry/wet/NAK	200
10	NALA B/W 117 &116/1	Private	NALA	407
11	RAILWAY LAND B/W 115/3 &111/2	Government	GOVERNMENT	968
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Mandya	
1	234	Private	WET	2,024
2	235	Private	WET	716
3	236	Private	WET	10
4	242	Private	WET/NAK	867
5	243/3	Private	WET	284
6	254	Private	DRY/WET	292
7	255	Private	DRY/NAK	484
8	256/5	Private	DRY/NAK	99
9	258	Private	WET	688
10	259	Private	Dry/wet	200
11	336	Private	WET	119
12	336	Private	WET	119
13	481	Private	Dry/wet	285
14	483	Private	Dry/wet	145
15	487	Private	Dry/wet	129
16	488/2	Private	DRY/WET	11
17	489	Private	DRY/WET	980
18	502	Private	DRY/WET	421
19	507	Private	NAK	1,612
20	507CANAL (GOVT)	Common(PRIVATE /GOVERNMENT)	NAK	63
21	507 GOVT LAND	Common(PRIVATE /GOVERNMENT)	NAK	63
22	509	Private	DRY/WET/NAK	803
23	575/4	Private	DRY/WET	39
24	576	Private	DRY/WET	110
25	577	Private	DRY/WET	296
26	583	Private	Dry/wet	50
27	583/4	Private	DRY/WET	341
28	584/2	Private	Dry/wet	50
29	585	Private	Dry/wet	50
30	586/1	Private	Dry/wet	50
31	596	Private	WET	262
32	867	Private	Dry/wet	131
33	869	Private	Dry/wet	50
34	870	Private	Dry/wet	131
35	871	Private	Dry/wet	100
36	ASPHALT ROAD B/W 489/3 & 502/11	Government	GVT	453
37	CANAL B/W 596 & Village Boundary	Government	DRY	253
38	NALA B/W 489/8 &488/2	Government	GVT	58
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Panakanahalli	
1	64	Private	WET	50
2	64/2	Private	WET	881
3	75	Private	WET	605
4	79	Private	WET	231
5	80	Private	WET	220
6	87	Private	WET	231
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Ragimuddanahalli	
1	101	Private	DRY/WET/NAK/GT	1,135
2	102	Private	NAK	776
3	103	Private	GT/NAK	226
4	104	Government	POND	86
5	115	Private	DRY	50
6	118	Private	DRY/NAK	63
7	119	Private	DRY/NAK	63
8	120	Private	DRY/WET	63
9	121	Private	DRY/WET	63
10	145	Private	DRY/WET	130
11	81	Private	DRY/WET	248
12	97	Private	DRY/NAK	538
13	ROAD B/W 101/7B & 97/6A	Government	GVT	11
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Sathanuru	
1	126	Private	WET	1,177
2	216	Private	WET	497
3	97	Private	WET	176
4	97/1 B	Private	WET	275
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Sundahalli	
1	128	Private	GT	77
2	129	Private	DRY/WET/NAK/GT	1,100
3	130	Private	GT	77
4	15	Private	DRY/WET	54
5	16	Private	WET	204
6	17	Private	DRY/WET	713
7	19	Private	WET/NAK	50
8	20	Private	GT	50
9	216	Private	DRY/WET	529
10	4/2	Private	WET	33
11	5	Private	WET/NAK	44
12	7	Private	DRY /NAK	54
13	8	Private	DRY /NAK	54
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Ummadahalli	
1	128	Private	WET/NAK	324
2	129	Private	NAK	782
3	131	Private	DRY/WET/NAK	4,241
4	132	Private	DRY/WET/NAK	3,802
5	133/1A	Private	DRY/WET	62
6	235	Private	NAK	94
7	236	Private	NAK	685
Taluk : Mandya			Village : Yaliyuru	
1	149	Private	DRY/WET	100
2	151	Private	DRY/NAK	55
3	152	Private	DRY/NAK	55
4	166	Private	KIADB	200
5	167	Private	KIADB	1,890
6	172	Private	KIADB	63
7	173	Private	KIADB	470
8	174	Private	DRY/WET	581
9	175	Private	DRY/WET/NAK	2,350
10	178	Private	DRY/WET	325
11	179	Private	DRY/WET	63
12	363	Private	wet	61
13	364	Private	wet	259
14	365	Private	wet	30
15	366	Private	DRY/WET	63
16	367	Private	wet	110
17	369	Private	wet	55
18	45/5	Private	DRY/NAK	50
19	49	Private	DRY/WET	330
20	52	Private	DRY/WET	130
21	54	Private	wet	600
22	55	Private	DRY/NAK	63
23	55/4A	Private	wet	30
24	56	Private	DRY/WET	63
25	57	Private	wet	900
26	58	Private	DRY/WET	369
27	59	Private	WET/NAK	680
28	70	Private	DRY/NAK	157
29	71/10	Private	DRY/NAK	45
30	74	Private	DRY/NAK	650
31	75/4B	Private	DRY/NAK	20
32	91	Private	DRY/WET	160
33	CANAL LAND B/W 45/3 & 45/6	Private	NALA	157
34	NALA LAND B/W 151/3 &152/A1	Government	nala 1	130
35	ROAD B/W 49/4B &367	Private	DRY/NAK	391
Taluk : Shrirangapattana			Village : Brahmapura	
1	19	Private	NAK	369
2	20	Private	WET/NAK	600
3	22	Private	WET	55
4	229	Private	NAK	127
5	23	Private	WET	20
6	230/2	Private	Dry/wet	740
7	230/3	Private	Dry/wet	64
8	231	Private	WET	418
		Total		124,639.00

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RAJESH GUPTA, Director

New algorithm developed to help study brain connectivity

'It can finish tasks that previously took hours to days in seconds to minutes'

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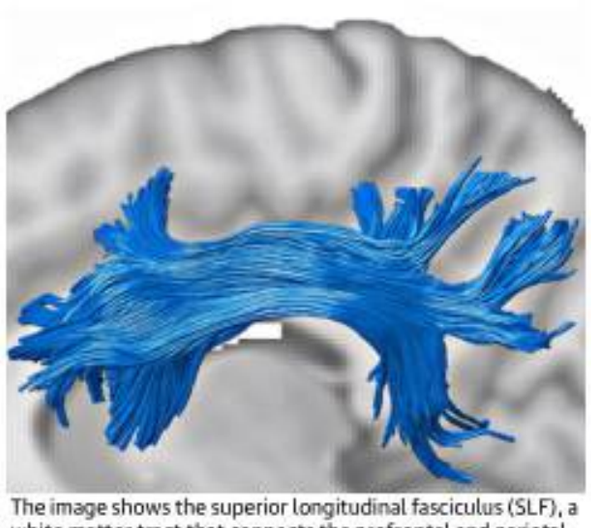
Researchers at Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) have developed a new graphic processing unit (GPU) based machine learning algorithm called Regularised, Accelerated, Linear Fascicle Evaluation (ReAl - LiFE), which will help to obtain a better understanding and in the prediction of connectivity between different regions of human brain.

This algorithm can help analyse extensive data generated from diffusion Magnetic Resonance Imaging (dMRI) scans which helps scientists study the connectivity in the brain at a speed, which is 150 times higher than a regular desktop computer or existing state-of-the-art algorithms.

The study has been published in the journal *Nature Computational Science*.

With the study, researchers tried to study the wiring of different parts of the brain which helps in performing various computations.

While these patterns can be studied in animals through invasive techniques, in humans, dMRI is used to infer white matter patterns. Through it, scientists can track the movement of molecules to create a comprehensive map of connectome, which is a network of fibres across the brain.



The image shows the superior longitudinal fasciculus (SLF), a white matter tract that connects the prefrontal and parietal cortex, two attention-related brain regions. The tract was estimated with diffusion MRI and tractography in the brain.

"Even though it is difficult to pinpoint the connectomes, we are trying to infer information highway network by looking at traffic flow patterns (if molecules are like cars). We look at the movement of water molecules in the brain and we try to infer where the wires are. The water molecules have to travel along the length of the cables (axons), which have connected various parts of the brain. By measuring these lengths of water molecules, we are able to infer which areas are connected," explained Devarajan Sridharan, Associate Professor at the Centre for Neuroscience (CNS), IISc., and corresponding author of the study.

He further added that this technique requires a lot of computation which can be carried out in an efficient manner through GPUs.

"Tasks that previously took hours to days can be completed within seconds to minutes," he added. The accurate identification of information networks, conventional algorithms matched the predicted dMRI signals from the inferred connectome with the observed dMRI signal.

A similar algorithm called LiFE (Linear Fascicle Evaluation) was developed earlier to carry out optimisation, but since it worked on traditional CPUs, the computation was time-consuming.

"In the new study, Mr. Sridharan's team tweaked their algorithm to cut down the computational effort involved in several ways, including removing redundant connections, thereby improving upon LiFE's performance significantly. To speed up the algorithm further, the team also redesigned it to work on specialised electronic chips - the kind found in high-end gaming computers - called Graphics Processing Units (GPUs), which helped them analyse data at speeds 100-150 times faster than previous approaches." said a press release from IISc.

This algorithm will have various applications in the field of health, including disease diagnosis and behavioural studies.

"Understanding brain connectivity is critical to uncovering brain-behaviour relationships at scale," said Varsha Sreenivasan, PhD student at CNS and first author of the study.

While certain patterns of brain connectivity can explain the inter-individual differences in the attention test scores which help determine behaviours, a previous version of the same algorithm can also help distinguish between Alzheimer's patients and healthy age matched controls just by measuring brain connectivity.

The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling in Bengaluru on July 2

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The 20th edition of The Hindu EducationPlus Career Counselling 2022 Karnataka is being held at 10 locations in nine cities in June and July.

The event will cover educational topics like CET, COMEDK, NEET, general education (offbeat courses), Law, Pure Science, Arts, Science & Commerce, Management, PGDM, Engineering & Medicine. The event sets a benchmark in educational and professional guidance. It acts as a platform to connect students and parents with speakers and educational institutions. The event also helps students to take the right decisions after getting the necessary counselling and guidance. Platinum Sponsor for the event are: Presidency University, Bengaluru, Ramaiah University, Bengaluru, and Reva University, Bengaluru. The Gold Sponsors are Cambridge Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, Nitte Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, and Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumakuru. Silver Sponsors for the event are ACS College of Engineering, Bengaluru; K. S. Group of Institutions, Bengaluru; Rajarajeswari College of Engineering, Bengaluru; Soundarya Institute of Management and Science, Bengaluru; Universal Group of Institutions, Bengaluru, Atria Institute of Technology, Bengaluru, and TAPMI, a unit of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru. Other associate Sponsors are: CMR University, Bengaluru, KSOU, Mysuru; Shaheen Group of Institutions, Bidar, and Sri Sairam College of Engineering, Bengaluru. Timings for registration is between 8.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. The event will be held between 9.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. For details, contact: 9739273958 / 9448160126 / 9448871815. Entry is free. First 300 walk-ins will get a surprise gift. All participating students will get free English proficiency test, STEP.

The schedule

Place	Date	Venue	Address
Bengaluru South	July 2	Mangala Mantapa Auditorium	NMKRV College for Women campus 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru
Hubballi	July 2	K.L.E. Society's Biotechnology Auditorium	B.V.B. College of Engineering & Technology Campus, Vidyanagar,Hubballi
Ballari	July 3	BPSC Pre-University College	BPSC Pre-University College, Anantapur Road, Ballari
Mysuru	July 3	Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering	P.B. No.206, Gokulam 3rd Stage, Mysuru
Davangere	July 3	Bapuji Business School	Bapuji MBA College , Lake View Campus, S.S. Layout, Davangere

To pre-register for the event and STEP test, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3N2Sy2F

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BENGALURU

The State government on Monday transferred two IAS officers and given a posting to an officer who was waiting to be posted.

According to a notification, the new postings of the IAS officers are: Shamla Iqbal, Commissioner, Food Safety and Standard Authority, Bengaluru, and Cauvery B.B., State Project Director, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, Bengaluru.

Vinoth Priya R. has been appointed as Managing Director, Karnataka State Minerals Corporation, Limited, Bengaluru.

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Bengaluru sees a rise in cases of HFMD

It is common among children during monsoon

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Bengaluru is seeing a sudden increase in cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD), a viral illness that is quite common among children during monsoon. Paediatricians, who are seeing at least six to 10 children daily with HFMD symptoms in the last three weeks, said the illness is seasonal.

Children below six years are more prone to this infection. The disease spreads through contact and saliva and is self-limiting. The child recovers in five to seven days. Symptoms start with fever, painful blister-like sores in the mouth and itchy lesions on the palms, feet, elbows, knee joints, and buttocks.

In the first week of May, when Kerala saw over 80 children getting infected with HFMD (colloquially known as 'tomato flu'), Karnataka's Health Department had sounded an alert in the border districts.

Chikkanarasappa Reddy, Associate Professor of Paediatrics in Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital Medical College and Research (Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute), who is seeing at least 10 cases of HFMD cases every day, attributed the rise to infected children attending school and lack of hygiene. "The infection is common during the monsoon till the onset of winter. Symptoms start appearing three to five days after the virus enters the body and incubates. Most of the time it is mistaken to be chickenpox by parents," he said.

Asha Benakappa, former director of Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, said HFMD is spread by the Coxsackievirus virus and affects children in the age group of six months to six years. "There is no need to panic and the important aspect is that it should be diagnosed properly and patients should maintain hygiene," she said.

Harish Kumar, Consultant - Paediatrics and Paediatric Intensive Care at Aster CMI Hospital, said, "HFMD is a highly contagious infection and can be transmitted and spread from person to person through direct contact with unwashed hands or surfaces contaminated with faeces."

Mahesh Kumar, Consultant - Internal Medicine at Narayana Health City, said the infection can spread from child to child in places such as playgrounds and nurseries.

All the doctors said it is a self-limiting disease and children recover within a week with symptomatic treatment. "The virus clears itself within a few days. However, in rare cases a child can develop pneumonia," said Dr. Reddy.

State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said the department has recorded 15 confirmed cases so far. "We are ensuring that fever surveillance is done on a continual basis to curtail further spread of cases. No outbreak has been reported so far," he said.

FACT SHEET

- Symptoms include fever, painful blister-like sores in the mouth and itchy lesions on the palms, feet, elbows, knee joints, and buttocks
- Consult a paediatrician as soon as the child develops symptoms
- Practising hand hygiene is important
- Do not send an infected child to school or to play with other children till the blisters and sores dry up
- Give liquid food to infected child if she/he refuses regular food because of that blisters on tongue

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Renegotiate high cost power purchase agreements, says panel

Gurucharan Committee suggests formulation of a decadal State Energy Policy and establishment of State Energy Planning Council to bring in professionalism

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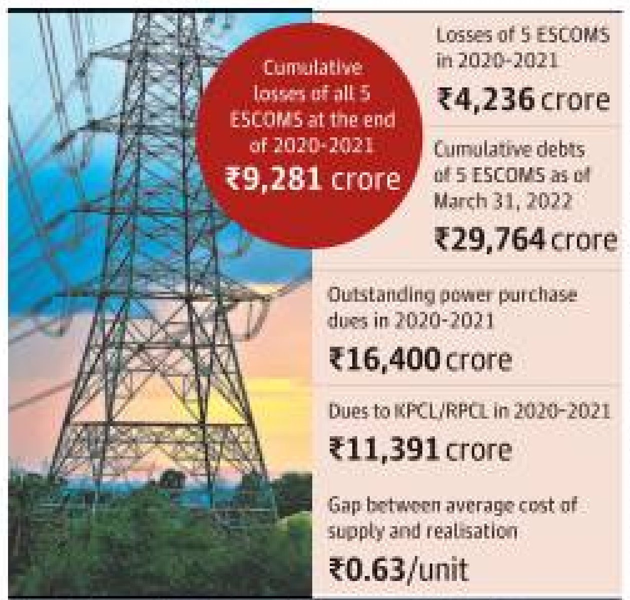

Cumulative losses of all 5 ESCOMS at the end of 2020-2021 **₹9,281 crore**

Losses of 5 ESCOMS in 2020-2021 **₹4,236 crore**

Cumulative debts of 5 ESCOMS as of March 31, 2022 **₹29,764 crore**

Outstanding power purchase dues in 2020-2021 **₹16,400 crore**

Dues to KPCL/RPCL in 2020-2021 **₹11,391 crore**

Gap between average cost of supply and realisation **₹0.63/unit**

Installed capacity 28,716 MW	Number of consumers 2.41 crore	Agricultural consumers 26.3 lakh
Energy sales 53,857 MU	Revenue ₹37,009 crore	Employees 62,000

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Recommending formulation of a decadal State Energy Policy and establishment of a State Energy Planning Council and Energy Directorate to bring in professionalism, the Gurucharan Committee has suggested renegotiation of high-cost power purchase agreements and creation of agriculture development fund to take care of farm subsidies to IP sets.

It has also recommended setting up of a holding company, and treating KPCL, KPTCL and ESCOMS as subsidiaries with ESCOMS becoming only service provider companies.

Pointing to payment of ₹5,032 crore in 2020-2021 without purchasing power, the committee that submitted its report to the State government on Monday has said that such payment in the last three years totalled to ₹10,174 crore. It said that the PPAs amount to 78% of the total cost, and the State has signed an agreement with PPAs for 25 years. The committee said that for 2022-2023, the total power purchase cost stood at ₹39,223 crore for 71,646 MUs at an average cost of ₹5.48 per unit. "This includes 18,073 MUs from 12 sources which account for 25% of the average cost coming at ₹7.37," the committee noted, and suggested re-negotiation of high cost PPAs. The Gurucharan Committee was set up to recommend restructuring of the State power sector and advance second generation distribution reforms.

The committee has identified flight of HT consumers due to exorbitant tariff, high power purchase cost, inefficiencies in operation, free power supply, unmetered/unbilled energy and inequitable tariffs among the constraints and challenges in power distribution business. The report was submitted to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

It said that free power supply for 30 lakh IP sets (10HP and below) is a matter of concern for the government, the committee has recommended conversion of IP set subsidy into a funded liability and reduce burden on the State budget besides introducing direct benefit transfer system. Further, it has recommended creation of agriculture development fund and complete separation of agriculture feeders.

The committee also noted that the adverse impact of cross subsidy has resulted in flight of high value consumers resulting in negative growth of HT sales in ESCOMS. "Negative trend is an alarming signal for the government and ESCOMS and if the same trend continues without any immediate intervention, ESCOMs will lose more such high value consumers in future. As a result, ESCOM's finances would further deteriorate," the committee warned. Recommending limiting the cross subsidy level of industrial and commercial consumers to 20% of the average cost, the committee said that a price intervention scheme should be launched to woo back the HT consumers to the grid.

Tariff structure

On the tariff side, the committee has suggested rationalisation of tariff structure to remove asymmetries, and said tariffs must enable recovery of full fixed and variable costs of power. It has also recommended viability gap funding for the ESCOMS through power sector bonds. The tariff concerns have to be addressed through State government's sovereign policy and also through consultative dialogue with KERC for regulatory or legal remedy.

Though there is surplus power, the committee noted trading is on low scale and trade wing is not equipped with domain specialists staff and tools.

It also urged the State government to enable KPCL to sell power directly to consumers outside the State. It has also estimated an additional resource mobilisation to a tune of ₹6,624 crore price intervention, administrative, efficiency and new stream measures.

Committee term extended

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday has extended the term of the one-man committee headed by retired IAS officer G. Gurucharan that has been set up to recommend power sector reforms.

A release from the Chief Minister's Office said that Mr. Bommai has instructed for extension of the term of the committee to guide and assist the government in implementing the recommendations of the report. The Chief Minister has asked officials to prepare an action plan to implement the report.

Textbook controversy refuses to die down

Siddaramaiah, educationists demand complete withdrawal of the revised books

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The State government's notification effecting a few modifications in the revised school textbooks following objections by public representatives and others, has failed to put an end to the controversy.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah, various educationists and writers have criticised the government's notification on modification.

They have demanded that the entire revised textbook should be withdrawn instead of making only a few corrections.

The Union of Backward and Dalit Mutt Seers met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday and submitted the memorandum seeking repealing of the textbooks, which are revised by the Rohith Chakratirtha-headed committee.

Mr. Siddaramaiah slammed the government through a series of tweets. He said: "The government must take a decision on the future of our students, without any false prestige. The only solution is to return the new textbook and get the old text for the current academic year without any controversy."

"There are mistakes in each and every page of the revised textbook. However, justifying the flawed textbooks only shows the government's stubbornness. The government is issuing different statements every day and trying to cover up its mistake," he said.

Educationist V.P. Niranjanaradhya told *The Hindu*: "Some outside forces have created the school textbook row. The government is dancing on their direction. The Rohith Chakratirtha-headed textbook revision committee is an unconstitutional one. We do not endorse these minimal corrections. So, the government should maintain status quo and withdraw the revised textbooks. Keep the Baragur Ramachandrappa-headed committee textbooks for this academic year also. The government should form the third party expert committee to revise the school textbooks again."

S.G. Siddaramaiah, former president of Kannada Development Authority, said: "The Rohith Chakratirtha-headed committee had been formed to verify some particular lessons in the textbooks and report to the government. But, this committee has unconstitutionally revised all the textbooks from Class I to X. Following serious outrage, the government has dissolved that textbook committee. In the same way, the government must dissolve that committee report about school textbooks."

MAJOR CORRECTIONS

- Complete lesson on Bhakti panth and Sufi saints, encompassing Purandaradasa, Kanakadasa and other saints, is re-included for Class VII, Social Science (part-1) textbook.
- The name of the author of 'Gombe Kalisuva Neethi' in Kannada textbook for Class VII has been wrongly printed as Dr. R.N. Jayagopal instead of Chi. Udayashankar. This has been now corrected.
- The lines on services by Siddaganga Mutt and Adichunchanagiri Mutt for Class VI, Social Science lesson on 'Namma Hemmeya Rajya Karnataka' have been re-included.
- Details on Surapura Naikas have been re-included in the Social Science textbook for Class VIII.
- Including the pictures of Kuvempu and Huyilagola Narayana Rao in the Social Science textbook for Class VII.
- Dropping the controversial lines that "Kuvempu became a famous poet because of encouragement by several people" from the Environmental Sciences textbook of Class IV.

'Revision of textbook can't be a party programme'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Reiterating his demand for continuing with the old school textbooks for one more year, former Minister and BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath on Monday cautioned the BJP government in the State against taking up revision of textbooks as a "party programme".

Speaking to reporters after inaugurating his new office on CADA building premises on Monday, Mr. Vishwanath pointed out that there was no voice of opposition to the textbooks that had been revised by the previous committee headed by Baragur Ramachandrappa.

Contending that a lot of confusion had arisen in the present revision of textbooks, Mr. Vishwanath, who had earlier served as Minister for Primary Education, said the present government was degrading the education system.

He also found fault with Minister for Revenue R. Ashok, Minister Urban Development Byrathi Basavaraj, and others appearing before the media to give an explanation on the government's behalf. "If anybody, it has to be the Minister for Primary Education B.C. Nagesh who should give a reply. Or else the Chief Minister should have given the reply."

He urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to honour the voice of the people of the State against the revision. "For the time being, continue with the old textbooks," Mr. Vishwanath said while asking the State government to constitute a fresh committee for revision comprising education experts and scholars, besides representatives of politicians, media, and parents.

He said the government can ill afford to remain stubborn on sensitive issues like education and sit on prestige. Mr. Vishwanath criticised writer S.L. Bhyrappa for "speaking like a spokesperson of the BJP" on the issue of revision.

FROM PAGE ONE

Kempe Gowda statue in front of Vidhana Soudha

Sudha Murty (on behalf of Infosys co-founder N.R. Narayana Murthy), BJP leader and former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, and Vimal Kumar (on behalf of former international shuttler Prakash Padukone) receiving the Kempe Gowda International Award in Bengaluru on Monday. ▪K. MURALI KUMAR

He also said that ₹100 crore had been released for setting up of the Kempe Gowda Research Centre in Bengaluru University at a cost of ₹50 crore and a project to showcase the history of Kempe Gowda at Magadi at a cost of ₹50 crore would be completed in a time-bound manner. "The Vokkaliga Development Corporation had been provided a grant of ₹150 crore. Kempe Gowda belonged to entire Karnataka and the state would be developed in accordance with his vision."

Mr. Bommai also said that the city would be developed on all four directions without losing its native character and the vision of Kempe Gowda.

Chief Minister hopeful on GST compensation to States

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said that he was hopeful that a decision on Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation to the States would be taken at the two-day GST Council meeting starting at Chandigarh on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters here, he said that the GST compensation for five years is ending in 2022, and that the council will be discussing the compensation part. "We are expecting a decision on GST compensation since the GST council has to decide. I am sure it will be done."

He also said that the group of Ministers' committee that he heads will also submit its report to the council. "Several other issues will also be discussed in the council," he added.

G-20 summit: CM assures cooperation for meets

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday assured the authorities concerned of providing full cooperation for organising meets related to G-20 summit in the State. About 10 meets are proposed to be held.

His assurance came during his meeting with Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Chief Coordinator of G-20. A release from the Chief Minister's office said that India is set to take charge as the head of the G-20 in December. The Chief Minister, after releasing the book 'Modi@20, Dreams Meet Delivery', said that the G-20 summit being held in India is proof of his success in showcasing India's strength as a global power to the world.

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ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು-4 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ (e-Procurement) ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಮತ್ತು ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, **ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲಘಟಗಿ ತಾಲೂಕಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ರೂ.10.00 ಲಕ್ಷದಿಂದ ರೂ.980.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ವರೆಗೆ ಒಟ್ಟು 65 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.** ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ. 35 ರ ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ : 150647 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ **WMM** ಪ್ರಮಾಣ 3796.35 cum ರ ಬದಲಾಗಿ 15185.40 cum ಎಂದು ನಮೂದಾಗಿದ್ದು ಅದನ್ನು 3796.35 cum ಎಂದು ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ 62 ರ ವರ್ಕ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ : **152239** ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ LOC ಮೊತ್ತ 88.76 ರ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಮೊತ್ತ 178.51 ಎಂದು ನಮೂದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅದನ್ನು ಮೊತ್ತ 88.76 ಎಂದು ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯಾದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇನ್ನುಳಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಗಮನಿಸುವುದು.

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City Municipal Council,
Chintamani.
Through e-Procurement in KW-4 Document
Tender Notification No.: CMCC/ TS/CR/229/ 2022-23 Date: 21.06.2022

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Chintamani, Chikkaballapura District invites Itemwar Tender in two cover system through e-procurement under KTPP 2000 Act, under S.F.C. Special Grant from eligible class-1 contractors/firms registered in e-procurement portal to participate in the Tender subject to certain conditions. DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT 132666. For submission of Tenders in e-procurement portal: Last date and time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **06.07.2022, 17.00 Hrs.** Last date and time for receipt of Tenders: **25.07.2022 up to 17.00 Hrs.** Date and time for opening of Technical Bid: **28.07.2022, 11.00 Hrs.** Date and time for opening of Financial Bid: **06.08.2022, 11.00 Hrs.** or if the said day is a Govt. Holiday then it will be opened on the next working day. For further information visit website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Chintamani

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Mrs. Santha Santhanam (91 Yrs)
W/o. Late R.Santharam
(HAL GBJ Qtrs Marathahalli Colony)
Our beloved mother attained Acharyan Thiruvadi on 23rd June 2022 in Chrompet, Chennai.
Dasastu on 2nd July 2022 at our Chennai residence.
Deeply mourned by
S Narasimhan, S Narayanan,
S Veeraraghavan,V Vijayalakshmi
9840922624, 9840030116,
9840051576, 9704276191

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

SECOND ANNIVERSARY

Dr.K.R.SUTHANTHRA, MBBS., DO
Retired Govt Medical Officer Tamil Nadu
25.9.1946 - 28.06.2020
We miss you so much and will live forever in our hearts.
Fondly remembered by
Family Members

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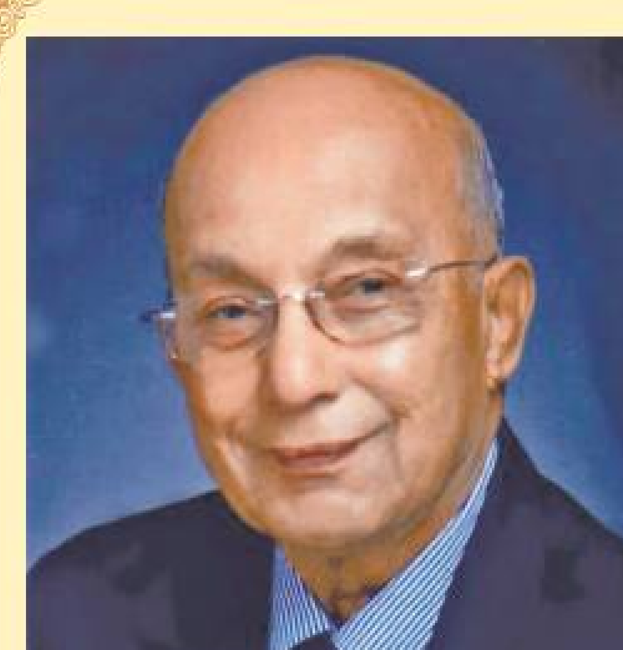

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Former Director United India Insurance
Trustee of M.Ct M Chidambaram Chettyar Schools Chennai.
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and M.Ct Group of Charitable and Educational Trusts
He will be remembered for his kind and gentle demeanour and philanthrophy.
Deeply mourned by
M. Ct. P. Chidambaram
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Chandrika Chidambaram
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Hassan farmers worried about losing land for stocking sand

Arkalgud tahsildar has ordered that their land be designated as 'govt. land' in RTCs

SATHISH G.T.
HASSAN

As many as 25 farmers of Kattepura village in Arkalgud taluk of Hassan district are worried about losing ownership of their land for not paying the penalty for the sand they allegedly stored illegally on their land, which eventually went 'missing' after being seized by revenue officials, in 2014. The Arkalgud tahsildar has ordered that their land be designated as government land on column 11 of their RTCs (*pahanis*). The move would deny the farmers the right to transfer or mortgage their land.

Kattepura is on the bank of the Cauvery river and extraction of sand is not unheard of. Acting on complaints that residents of the village stored illegally extracted sand, senior officers of the Revenue Department visited the spot in 2014. They seized 465 truckloads of sand, which had been stocked by farmers on their land. Policemen were deployed to protect the seized sand. Later, as per the records, the officers disposed of 115 truckloads of the seized sand while the rest disappeared. In April 2015, the Revenue Department decided to impose a penalty of ₹25,000 per truckload of sand that went missing. Thammanna Gowda, one of the farmers, received a notice from the tahsildar, asking him to pay a penalty of ₹4.25 lakh against 17 loads of sand that had been stocked in his agricultural land. Like him, 24 others have received notices for a total penalty of over ₹87 lakh. However, the farmers allege that officials had sold the seized sand flouting norms.

Lokayukta order

K.S. Venkatesh, a resident of Kattepura, told *The Hindu* that the officers, in collusion with the police, sold the seized land in 2015. "When we objected, the police used canes to disperse us. They did not even allow us to take video footage of their act. They assaulted our local leaders who objected to their actions. Later, they served us notices seeking a penalty and also withdrew ownership of our land. This is grave injustice."

Nobody paid the penalty. G.K. Krishne Gowda, a resident of Madapura, a neighbouring village, filed a complaint with the Karnataka Lokayukta in 2016 alleging that officials sold 350 truckloads of seized sand illegally.

Arakalgud Tahsildar K.R. Srinivas told *The Hindu* that the decision to impose a penalty was taken in 2015. Notices were issued in the past too. "The matter went to the Karnataka Lokayukta. We got notices from the Lokayukta on the follow-up action on the penalty. As per directions of the Lokayukta, we have taken action and suitable entries have been made in the RTCs as per the Karnataka Land Revenue Act," he said.

HC rejects plea of hacker's brother to travel abroad

ED had issued a lookout notice on him

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has rejected the plea of brother of Srikrishna alias Sriki, who is an accused in a couple of alleged cheating cases related to hacking of crypto exchanges, against the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) action of stopping him from travelling abroad to report back to his job.

Justice S.G. Pandit passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by R. Sudarshan.

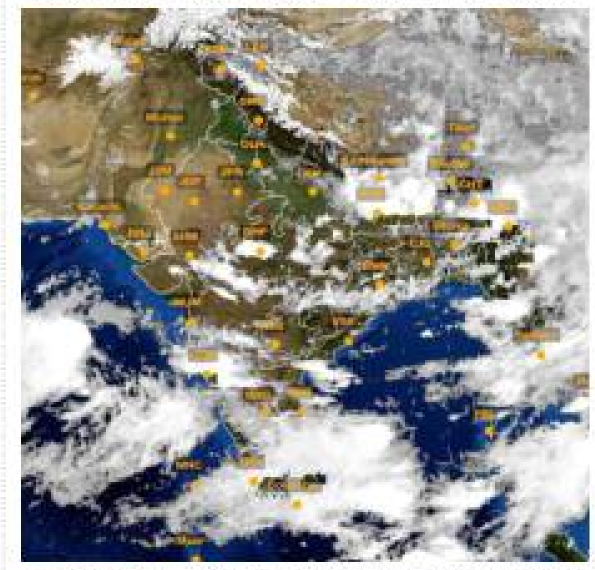
Immigration authorities at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru on January 13 stopped Mr. Sudarshan from boarding a flight to the Netherlands, where he is employed. He had come to India to see his ailing father and was on his way back to rejoin work when he was stopped at the airport based on the lookout notice issued by the ED.

The court rejected the petition while noticing from the documents produced by the ED that he had not given an explanation on the online transaction of 50,000 pounds, which he received from Srikrishna and transferred it to Hanish Patel, a person residing in the U.K. and owning an entity by the name GCP UK Ltd., in May 2021.

Apart from facing allegation of hacking crypto exchanges, Srikrishna is also facing criminal cases for hacking poker websites, and e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka and stealing of ₹11.55 crore from the Government portal bank account.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over east Rajasthan, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	1.1	35.1	26.6	Kozhikode	2	32.1	26.0
Ahmedabad	6	35.5	25.3	Kurnool	–	33.0	25.1
Aizawl	–	28.4	22.2	Lucknow	–	39.4	30.0
Allahabad	–	39.8	30.2	Madurai	–	38.0	24.6
Bengaluru	–	28.0	20.1	Mangaluru	3.6	30.0	24.4
Bhopal	–	36.3	25.6	Mumbai	5	32.0	25.6
Bhubaneswar	0.3	35.3	26.5	Mysuru	–	31.0	21.0
Chandigarh	–	38.4	30.9	New Delhi	–	40.9	29.8
Chennai	–	34.3	28.2	Patna	–	37.9	27.4
Coimbatore	–	32.7	24.0	Port Blair	20	30.5	24.6
Dehradun	0.9	34.6	26.3	Puducherry	–	35.2	26.2
Gangtok	–	21.7	17.3	Pune	0.1	29.1	23.8
Goa	60	29.0	23.4	Raipur	0.4	36.0	26.5
Guwahati	–	32.2	26.8	Ranchi	–	33.0	24.0
Hubballi	–	27.0	21.0	Shillong	–	26.6	18.1
Hyderabad	5	30.3	21.8	Shimla	43	27.1	20.2
Imphal	–	29.9	22.6	Srinagar	–	32.7	18.2
Jaipur	–	40.6	31.0	Thiruvananthapuram	2	31.4	25.7
Kochi	2	30.6	25.2	Tiruchi	–	36.1	26.0
Kohima	–	24.8	–	Vijayawada	8	31.2	24.2
Kolkata	13	35.5	27.0	Visakhapatnam	0.2	32.2	28.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.49	.70	.40	71	.116	Moderate
Bengaluru	.15	.21	.24	77	83	Good
Chennai	.15	.27	.43	66	54	Good
Delhi	.66	.79	.39	.118	.113	Moderate
Hyderabad	.25	.21	.79	39	74	Good
Kolkata	.11	.12	.17	38	52	Good
Lucknow	.11	.19	186	67	.108	Moderate
Mumbai	–	.19	119	32	36	Moderate
Pune	131	.39	110	75	57	Moderate
Visakhapatnam	.14	.44	.18	48	88	Good

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Rohtak, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 221 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 17

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

IN BRIEF

Vijay Babu arrested, released on bail

KOCHI

Actor-producer Vijay Babu was arrested and later released on bail in the case registered by Ernakulam South police for raping a woman actor. The arrest was recorded shortly after he appeared at the South police station for interrogation as per the orders of the Kerala High Court, which had granted him conditional anticipatory bail last week. His arrest is also likely to recorded in the case registered for revealing the survivor's identity subject to similar bail conditions. He has be ordered to refrain from contacting the survivor.

OPS complains to Election Commission

He gives an account of events leading to the GC meeting

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

AIADMK coordinator O. Panneerselvam on Monday complained to the Election Commission against the manner in which his party's June 23 general council's (GC) meeting was held and the way in which the June 27 meeting of the headquarters' office-bearers was called. In a nine-page representation, Mr. Panneerselvam, who is at loggerheads with party co-coordinator Edappadi K. Palaniswami over the issue of the proposed replacement of "dual leadership" in the party with "single leadership," gave an account of events leading to the general council's meeting, apart from how the meeting was held.

AIADMK coordinator O. Panneerselvam. • FILE PHOTO

He contended that though he and the co-coordinator [Mr. Palaniswami] had approved the draft of 23 resolutions to be adopted by the GC and the Division Bench of the Madras High Court had restrained the GC from adopting any motion other than the aforementioned 23, a motion, proposed by the co-coordinator and seconded by organisation secretary D. Jayakumar, was adopted regarding the election of the party's presidium chairman [Tamilmagan Hussain]. The resolution in question was "in clear violation" of the Court's order. It had not been intimated to him [Mr. Panneerselvam], who was the coordinator, and "no approval" had been granted for the motion.

Mentioning that the first of the 23 resolutions pertained to the ratification of the Council for the election for the posts of coordinator and co-coordinator in addition to the remaining positions in the party, Mr. Panneerselvam said at the GC meeting, members were not given copies of the resolutions, as approved by him and Mr. Palaniswami, contrary to the usual practice.

Only one copy of a booklet, containing the 23 resolutions, was presented to him [Mr. Panneerselvam]. On perusal, a "completely new and altered" resolution was mentioned as resolution no.1. Also, after former Law Minister C.Ve. Shanmugam had called for the rejection of all 23 motions, "without any proper discussion among the General Council," the members had rejected them.

He also submitted that if the GC did not approve the election of the coordinator and the co-coordinator, it became "illegal" as newly-elected office-bearers had taken part in the meeting for the first time.

He also took exception to Mr. Hussain announcing the date for the next GC (July 11), which he did "without authority and against the by-laws." He recalled how he and his colleagues had protested against the announcement. He added that he, being the party treasurer, was not permitted to present the statement of accounts at the GC meeting.

Mr. Panneerselvam also lodged his protest against the meeting held at the party headquarters earlier in the day, and he called it "illegal and unlawful." He stated that neither the coordinator nor the co-coordinator had "convened the meeting or approved any decision" to be taken at the meeting.

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No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT12255/Call-3 Date:224.06.2022

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Platform)

Tenders are invited for the work of **"Design, Manufacture, Supply, Retrofit and Commissioning of Mani Dam Power House Unit-2 Turbine Rotor"** at an estimated Cost of **Rs. 1,43,71,401/-** inclusive of GST. Bidders can access the bid document on website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** **EMD : Rs. 2,15,600/-.** Last date for submission of completed bids: **09.07.2022 upto 17.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer(O&M), Mani, KPCL, Masthikatte- 577425,** Shivamogga Dist, Karnataka State. Phone: 08185-265222, Mobile: 9449598851, e-mail: eeomkpcl@gmail.com

(Public Works Department)
Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

Invitation for Short-Term Tender 2nd Call
(I.F.T.) No.: 60-1/2022-23 Date: 16.06.2022

(For Road Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W. – 2 in single cover & 3 in two cover system)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in single and two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD for works. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from **20.06.2022 to 30.06.2022 up to 4.00 pm. (1)** Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **21.06.2022 (at 3.00 pm during office hours). (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders: **30.06.2022 (up to 4.00 pm). (3)** Date of opening Financial Bid (Only for Sl. No. 3 & 4) and Technical Bid (Only for Sl. No.1 & 2): **02.07.2022 at 11.00 am. (4)** Financial Bid will be opened after approval of Technical Bid (for Sl. No.1 & 2). For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D.
Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura

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(Public Works Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri
No:EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-2/Tender/2022-23 Dated: 23.06.2022

Invitation For Short term Tender
Tender ref no: 07/2022-23

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Division,Madhugiri,invites tenders from eligible Tenderers,for the works .Total 02 Works (Sira Taluk), Approx. amount for the work is Rs 100.00 Lakhs.Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before **04.07.2022** (up to 4.00 pm).Technical bids will be opened on **05.07.2022** after 4.15 PM, Financial bid will be opened **08.07.2022** after 4.00 PM . Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Madhugiri

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BANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Registrar, Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru – 56
No. : BU/E-Gov/Tenders-ADV-03/2022-23 Date : 24-06-2022

E-Tender Notification

Bangalore University invites Bids for the following tenders through e-Procurement Portal; Details of the tenders are available at e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Bids are to be submitted electronically at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Bidders are requested to adhere to the time schedule prescribed in the tender.

Sl. No.	Description of the Tender
1.	Printing and Supply of Marks Card / Degree Certificate / Gold Medal Certificate / Ph.D Certificate / Diploma Certificate / Rank Certificate with Security Features.
2.	Annual Maintenance Contract of Campus Wide Networking (CWN) of Bangalore University.
3.	Hiring of Vehicles to Examination Branch, Bangalore University (CALL-3).

Sd/- Registrar

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
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No:KBJNL/MLID-3/Stage-III/Tender/2022-23/230 Date:22.06.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL MLI Division No–3 Basavana Bagewadi, the under signed invites tender on percentage & turnkey basis from below mentioned registered contractors for the work as detailed in the table below.

Sl.No	Name of Work	Approx Amount put to tender (Rs in lakhs)	EMD (Rs in lakhs)	Transaction fee Rs.	Stipulated period for completion of Work (Including monsoon)	Category	Eligibility of contractor
1	Electro-Mechanical lifting gate of BMC & TBC on turnkey basis. (Indent No 22041)	18.78	0.47	As per e-Portal	5 months	Others	Class-I CEIG, Licensed Electrical Contractor
2	Oiling & greasing for Vertical lift gates (Indent No 22042)	17.07	0.43	As per e-Portal	3 months	Others	KBJNL category-III/ KPWD Class-II & above certificate
3	Gate repair for head regulator of Dy-7 under HHBC (Indent No 22371)	1.64	0.05	As per e-Portal	60 Days	Others	KBJNL category-III/ KPWD Class-III & above certificate
4	Providing man power on out sourcing basis (Indent No 12535)	13.50	0.14	As per e-Portal	12 months	SC	KBJNL category-III/ KPWD Class-II & above certificate
5	Filling Kaagi Agasabal Tank under MLI-III (Indent no 18079/CALL-2)	121.20	1.82	As per e-Portal	9 months	–	KBJNL category-III/ KPWD Class-I & above certificate
6	Filling Ivanagi MI Tank under MLI-III (Indent no 21662/CALL-2)	104.58	1.57	As per e-Portal	9 months	--	KBJNL category-III/ KPWD Class-I & above certificate

Issue and submission of E-tender documents

1) The contractor can have access to e-tender document from **24-06-2022 to 08-07-2022 up to 5.30 pm.2)** Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL MLI Div-03 B.Bagewadi on **11-07-2022 at 11.00 AM for Sl No (1 to 4) work.3)** The contractor can have access to e-tender document from **24-06-2022 to 15-07-2022 up to 5.30 pm for Sl No (5 to 6) work.4)** Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer KBJNL MLI Div-03 B.Bagewadi on **18-07-2022 at 11.00 AM for Sl No (5 to 6) work.5)** A Pre-bid meeting of Sl No (2 & 6) work will held on **02-07-2022 at 11.00 am at the office of the Chief Engineer KBJNL Dam zone Almatti.6)** Cover–II (Financial bid) date of opening of financial bid will be available E-procurement portal website.

Further information about electronic tendering can be had from https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

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Sd/-, Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI, Division No-3 B.Bagewadi

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, No-1 TR Division, Munirabad, Koppal (Dist.) Karnataka State, India.
Ph No. 08539-270306 E-mail:-trdmrb@gmail.com

Bid No: EE/KNNL No.1 TRD/DRIP PKG-2/2022-23/692
Date:20.6.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION Call-2
(AS PER ADB'S SINGLE STAGE TWO ENVELOPE BIDDING PROCEDURE)

Bid No: EE/KNNL No.1 TRD/DRIP PKG-2/2022-23/1832
Date:03.01.2022

Item rate tender in the prescribed form is invited by the under signed on behalf of the **Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India** from eligible contractors for the **work of "Improvements to Tungabhadra Dam Left side by Upstream face masonry of fore shore, Dam line roads and Providing Chain link fencing Under World bank Aided DRIP Phase-II Programme (Package-II)".** The cost of amount put to tender for Package-2 is INR **247.66 Lakhs.** The Bid documents shall be available for download from **21.06.2022 to 05.7.2022 at** 16:00 hours IST from the web site (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Technical bids will be opened on **06.07.2022** at 16.30 hours IST. Pre-bid meeting will be held at the office of the Chief Engineer, KNNL, Irrigation Central Zone, Munirabad, on **27.06.2022** at 11.00 hours IST.

For more conditions and details visit tender section of KNNL at https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in OR at undersigned in all working days during office hours on telephone No.08539-270306/ 08539-270026, Fax No.08539-270012 and at email: trdmrb@gmail.com

Sd/-Executive Engineer, KNNL No-1 TR Division, Munirabad, Koppal (Dist.) Karnataka, India

DIPR/Koppal/179/MCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Water Resources Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, UKP.Reh.Divn No.2,Almatti
Tq: Nidagundi, Dist: Vijayapur Land Phone No.08426-281049

No.UKP/REH-2/DB/E-Proc/Tender-03/2022-23/586 Date:23-06-2022

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement only) (Single Cover System)

In accordance with The Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, the Percentage rate Electronic Tenders through e-Procurement platform in single cover system in KW-1, KW-2 And KW-3 thrugh standard Tender documents are invited by the Executive Engineer, UKP, Reh. Division No.2, Almatti on behalf of The Governor of Karnataka State from Registered Contractors of PWD Class-I & Class-II above in PWD/Category-III & above enrolled in KBJNL. The details of works tendered and dates are shown below.. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www.eproc.Karnataka.Govt.in and shall be submitted in e-procurement portal.

1) Construction of Building work providing High Mask Lamp at Kolhar RC in B.Bagewadi Taluk, Construction of ELSR, Laying Pipeline in at Shirabur (Mahalabhagayat) in Vijayapur Dist, Construction of Various Building works at Iddalagi and Kengal kadapatti RC's in Hungund Taluk. Total No.of works – 08 Nos.

Amount put to Tender Maximum Rs.96.93 & Minimum Rs.11.65 Lakhs, EMD Amount Maximum Rs. 1.94 Lakhs & Minimum Rs.0.30 Lakhs.

Last date for Tender queries/clarification:08-07-2022 upto 11.30 A.M. Last date for blank tender forms and submission of completed tender documents: 14-07-2022 upto 5.00 P.M. Opening of technical & Finanacial bids date (For Single Cover):16-07-2022 at 11.00 A.M. Opening of Technical bids date (For Two Cover):16-07-2022 at 11.00 A.M.

(The Estimate amount put to Tender is exclusive of GST but including all other charges as applicable. GST shall be paid to the Tendered Amount Separately)

For more information contact the Office of the Executive Engineer,UKP.Reh.Divn No.2, Almatti during working hours or from website www.eproc.Karnataka Govt.in

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
UKP.Reh.Divn No.2, Almatti

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-151/MCA/2022-23

Interim signals

The BJP is posing a seemingly insurmountable challenge to a fragmented Opposition

The outcomes in three Lok Sabha constituencies, one in Punjab and two in Uttar Pradesh, make significant political points, unusual for such routine bypolls. AAP faced a major setback in Punjab as it lost its bastion Sangrur, which was vacated by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann who had won it in 2014 and 2019. The party's Assembly victory in Punjab was seen as validation of its national ambitions, but Sunday's setback must serve as a reality check. If anything, AAP's performance in Punjab in the last three months, far from proving its capacity to be a national party, has only raised several questions. As it turned out, the Opposition – the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), SAD (Amritsar), the Congress and the BJP – all fighting separately, made the point on the gap between AAP's promise and delivery; and between its claims and capacity. In Punjab, a State with its finances in a shambles and its bureaucracy and the police a law unto themselves, the inexperienced band of activists that came to power is caught in a bind. Mr. Mann also faces the charge of being remote-controlled from Delhi by party chief Arvind Kejriwal. The winner, Simranjit Singh Mann of the SAD (Amritsar), made Sangrur as significant as the loser did. He is a vociferous supporter of Khalistan and an ardent follower of Bhindranwale, who spearheaded the violent, terrorist separatism of the 1980s. His victory, and the complete emaciation of the Congress, the SAD and the BJP, signals the dangerous crossroads Punjab is at.

In U.P., the BJP's victories in Rampur and Azamgarh prove the continuing potency of the party in the heartland. Azamgarh was vacated by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, who chose to retain the Assembly seat that he won while the party lost a second consecutive time. Rampur was vacated by senior party leader Azam Khan, who will retain his Assembly seat. That such strongholds have slipped out of its hands is further proof that the SP's hopes of a return in U.P. may be unrealistic, and its style, character and personnel are unacceptable to large sections of the voters. While the U.P. results make the BJP's position unassailable, they also open new possibilities in the Opposition space as the SP's slide continues. In the Atmakur Assembly segment in Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy's YSRCP scored an impressive victory, while a victory each in Tripura and Jharkhand made the day for the Congress. The CPI(M) continued to sink in Tripura, its former stronghold. In Delhi, AAP retained the Rajinder Nagar Assembly seat, but that is little solace for the party that lost its representation in the Lok Sabha entirely. Overall, the bypoll outcomes underscore the continuing dominance of the BJP, and the continuing inability of the Opposition to rise to the challenge.

Green as always

Wimbledon is shorn of ranking points, but is not short of star power

Wimbledon is a tournament apart. It is delightfully anachronistic in that it is played on pristine grass courts, a throwback to the era when the sport was still called 'lawn tennis'. Star players, who otherwise resemble walking billboards, are required to be reticent and don spotless white attire, resonating with the tournament's strict policy of keeping the site relatively free of commercial sponsorships. Until 2021, the tournament even had a 'Middle Sunday' holiday, an out-of-place idea in the era of mega television deals and ambush marketing. And such is the event's magnetic pull that even the biggest crisis to hit tennis in recent times – of Wimbledon barring Russian and Belarusian players against the backdrop of the Russia-Ukraine war and the ATP and WTA retaliating by removing ranking points – did not turn into a smoky inferno. Rafael Nadal, who three weeks ago won his 14th French Open and a record-extending 22nd Grand Slam title literally on one leg, is set to feature after undergoing radiofrequency treatment. Seven-time singles champion Serena Williams has come out of a year-long semi-retirement. Roger Federer's grass-court majesty will be missed – for the first time since 1998 – but such is sport's uncanny knack to replenish itself that there will be enough verdant pomp and splendour as the iconic Centre Court celebrates its centenary year.

Nadal and three-time defending champion Novak Djokovic will be the biggest men's drawcards, along with eighth seed Matteo Berrettini who is seemingly back to his best after recovering from a hand injury. The absence of the top-two ranked men in Daniil Medvedev (barred) and Alexander Zverev (injured) is unfortunate, but the farthest they had progressed at SW19 was fourth round. Nadal, who is halfway towards an improbable Grand Slam (winning all four Majors in a single year), can be a handful, if he survives the first week when the grass is still lush and the bounce low and skiddy. Djokovic will be desperate to add to his 20 Slam titles and avoid the rare scenario where he would not be the reigning champion at any of the four Majors. Berrettini comes in with a grass-court win-loss record of 20-1 since Wimbledon 2019, including two titles at Queen's Club, one at Stuttgart and a final at Wimbledon 2021. Among women, after the retirement of defending champion Ash Barty, Iga Swiatek has established herself as the numero uno. Grass is admittedly the Pole's weaker surface and there is a closely bunched group with established credentials comprising Serena, Petra Kvitova, Garbine Muguruza, Simona Halep and Angelique Kerber. But Swiatek's splendid recent form – six titles including Roland-Garros and 35 consecutive match-wins on hard and clay – means she will not be short on confidence even without the specific skillsets demanded by grass courts.

States, freebies and the costs of fiscal profligacy

The need for instituting more effective checks that can make wayward States fall in line is compelling

DUVVURI SUBBARAO

During the planning last year and the campaign ahead of the Punjab Assembly election, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) promised a sum of ₹1,000 per month to every woman in the State. To drive home the generosity of the promise, the AAP leader and Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal, emphasised that under AAP's 'Mission Punjab' for the Punjab polls 2022, if there were three adult women in a household (daughter-in-law, daughter, mother-in-law), each of them would get ₹1,000. When questioned how Punjab, already reeling under heavy debt, could afford this, Mr. Kejriwal said something to the effect that if there is good political management, money would not be a problem.

Growing freebie culture

Electoral promises of this kind raise several questions. Is borrowing and spending on freebies sustainable? Is this the best possible use of public money? What is their opportunity cost – what is it that the public are collectively giving up so that the government can fund these payments? Should not there be some checks on how much can be spent on them?

I am using Punjab to illustrate a point and by no means to suggest that it is unique. In fact, many States are pursuing the freebie culture, some even more aggressively than Punjab.

Ideally, governments should use borrowed money to invest in physical and social infrastructure that will generate higher growth, and thereby higher revenues in the future so that the debt pays for itself. On the other hand, if governments spend the loan money on populist giveaways that generate no additional revenue, the growing debt burden will eventually implode and end in tears.

Concerned by an increasing number of States that are embarking on this financially ruinous path, senior bureaucrats reportedly flagged the issue at a meeting with the Prime Minister, telling him that 'some States might go down the Sri Lankan way'.

There is an argument that this concern is being exaggerated. After all, if you look at any analysis of State Budgets by the Reserve Bank of India or any think tank, the inference you will draw is that State finances are in good, if indeed robust, health, and that all of them are scrupulously conforming to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) targets.

This is a misleading picture. Much of the borrowing that funds these freebies happens off budget, beyond the pale of FRBM tracking. The typical *modus operandi* for States has been to borrow on the books of their public enterprises, in some cases by pledging future revenues of the State as guarantee. Effectively, the burden of debt is on the State exchequer, albeit well concealed. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) had in fact pointed out that in respect of some States 'if extra-budgetary borrowings are taken into account, the liabilities of the government are way above what is acknowledged in the official books'.

How big is the problem? There is no comprehensive information in the public domain to assess the size of this off-budget debt, but anecdotal evidence suggests that it is comparable in size to the debt admitted in the Budget books.

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The obvious motivation for States in expanding freebies is to use the exchequer to build vote banks. A certain amount of spending on transfer payments to provide safety nets to the most vulnerable segments of the population is not only desirable but even necessary. The problem arises when such transfer payments become the main plank of discretionary expenditure, the spending is financed by debt, and the debt is concealed to circumvent the FRBM targets.

The more States spend on transfer payments, the less they have for spending on physical infrastructure such as, for example, power and roads, and on social infrastructure such as education and health, which can potentially improve growth and generate jobs. The truth of the Chinese saying, 'give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime' is self-evident to everyone, including politicians. But electoral calculations tempt them to place short-term gains ahead of long-term sustainability.

Institutional checks, balances

What about the institutional checks and balances that should prevent this downward spiral? Unfortunately, all of them have become ineffective. In theory, the first line of defence has to be the legislature, in particular the Opposition, whose responsibility it is to keep the Government in line. But given the perils of our vigorous democracy, the Opposition does not dare speak up for fear of forfeiting vote banks that are at the end of these freebies.

Another constitutional check is the CAG audit which should enforce transparency and accountability. In practice, it has lost its teeth since audit reports necessarily come with a lag, by when political interest has typically shifted to other hot button issues. Besides, our bureaucracy has mastered the fine art of turning audit paras into 'files' which run their course and die a quiet death.

The market is another potential check. It can signal the health or otherwise of State finances by pricing the loans floated by different State governments differently, reflecting their debt sustainability. But in practice this too fails since the market perceives all State borrowing as implicitly guaranteed by the Centre, never mind that there is no such guarantee in reality.

The costs can be huge

The costs of fiscal profligacy at the State level can be huge. The amount States borrow collectively every year is comparable in size to the Centre's borrowing which implies that their fiscal stance has as much impact on our macroeconomic stability as does that of the Centre. The need, therefore, for instituting more effective checks that can make wayward States fall in line is compelling.

Here are two suggestions towards that end.

First, the FRBM Acts of the Centre as well as States need to be amended to enforce a more complete disclosure of the liabilities on their exchequers. Even under the current FRBM provisions, governments are mandated to disclose their contingent liabilities, but that disclosure is restricted to liabilities for which they have extended an explicit guarantee. The provision should be expanded to cover all liabilities whose servicing obligation falls on the Budget, or could potentially fall on the Budget, regardless of any guarantee.

Second, under the Constitution, States are required to take the Centre's permission when they borrow. The Centre should not hesitate to impose conditionalities on wayward States when it accords such a permission. States slapped with conditionalities will of course baulk and allege political motives. The challenge for the Centre will be to act transparently and in accordance with well-defined, objective and contestable criteria.

Finally, there is the draconian provision in the Constitution of India which allows the President to declare financial emergency in any State if s/he is satisfied that financial stability is threatened. This Brahmastra has never been invoked so far for fear that this will turn into a political weapon of mass destruction. But the provision is there in the Constitution for a reason. After all, the root cause of fiscal irresponsibility is the lure of electoral nirvana. It will stop only if the political leadership fears punishment. It is therefore important to ensure that the prospect of a financial emergency in case of gross and continuing fiscal irresponsibility is not just an abstract threat but a realistic one.

Disappointingly, the Centre itself has not been a beacon of virtue when it comes to fiscal responsibility and transparency. To its credit, it has embarked on course correction over the last few years. It should complete that task in order to command the moral authority to enforce good fiscal behaviour on the part of States.

Duvvuri Subbarao was Finance Secretary to the Government of India and Governor, Reserve Bank of India

Complicated, volatile, the descriptors of Israel's politics

It remains to be seen whether the country's fifth national election, later this year, will result in a stable government

KHINVRAJ JANGID

Israel is to call for yet another national election, its fifth since 2019, as Naftali Bennett's coalition government has ended abruptly. Israel's Foreign Minister, Yair Lapid, has succeeded him as the caretaker Prime Minister and Israel is to go to the polls in either October or November 2022. In April, Mr. Bennett had planned to travel to India to celebrate 30 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries. His visit was cancelled at the last minute due to the rise in terror attacks in Israel and the crisis of a failing coalition.

Domestic polarisation

In the scene of a rapidly changing domestic politics, Naftali Bennett and his right-wing members were constantly targeted by Opposition leaders such as Benjamin Netanyahu for having an alliance with an Arab party and giving work permits to the Palestinians from Gaza. The coalition whip, Idit Silam, left the government in April and said this government has not been Jewish enough or loyal to the right-wing constituencies. Accommodation of ideological differences was rejected; ideological compromise was seen as weakening the state of Israel. Mr Bennett could not create unity in diversity and offered to step down.

Mr. Bennett gave his 'exit statement' to *The New York Times* columnist, Bret Stephens ("Naftali Bennett's Exit Interview") who reported their telephone conversation; the first thing Mr Bennett said in the interview was: "In a world where domestic polarization is becoming almost the single biggest challenge, the experiment succeeded (the fact that his government was in power for one year and showed that there is an alternative to hardline leaders such as Netanyahu)". His experiment was putting together a diverse coalition of eight odd parties together with his friend and partner, Yair Lapid. They were called 'agents of change'.

This coalition spelt exceptional change in domestic Israeli politics as it had Ministers and the parliamentary unity of the right, centre, left. For the first time, there was an Arab party as well. A year ago, while making his first speech in Parliament, Mr. Bennett said, "I am proud of the ability to sit together with people with very different views than mine." He invited all his ideological opponents to join the government with the realisation that Israeli society and politics have become too divided, toxic, and violently radical. He worried for national unity and knew Israel is threatened from within – divisions across the right and the left, religious and secular and Mirahim (oriental Jews) and Ashkanazim (European Jews) have caused political instability for too long. The forecast for the next national election is also worrisome

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as no political party, including Mr. Netanyahu's Likud, is likely to get a majority of its own according to the pollsters.

Spoiler leader

Mr. Netanyahu was one of the factors behind the formation of the coalition; he has also helped in its failure. Otherwise, ideologically divided parties were compelled to come together by the logic of 'anyone but Netanyahu' and give Mr. Bennett a historic opportunity. Mr. Netanyahu, as the Opposition leader, ensured this would not last for long. Despite him being indicted for corruption charges and a trial he did not leave any stone unturned in Parliament to oppose the government. It was nothing less than an audacious decision on his part to oppose the bill extending Israeli laws in the West Bank last week that brought down the Bennett government. Mr. Netanyahu said to Ms. Silam who defected, "Idit, you're proof that what guides you is the concern for the Jewish identity of Israel, the concern for the land of Israel, and I welcome you back home to the national camp. I call on all those elected by the national camp to join Idit and come home. You will be welcomed with complete respect and with open arms."

Mr. Netanyahu, the orator of rhetoric in Israeli politics, has been sharp in his attacks on this government for having an Arab party (labelled as the 'terror supporters') and left parties (labelled as anti-national because of their support for the peace process and two-state solution with the Palestinians). In short, Mr. Bennett lost the battle of narratives even when he meant sincere *tikkun* (the Hebrew word for repair) of Israel's internal divisions with moderation and compromises.

It is the right-wing politicians, of Mr. Bennett's own party, who felt they have been making too many compromises and now need to revive their radical positions to uphold macho-nationalist, ultra-religious constituencies where a compromise of core principles is not rewarded. Whether this is true or merely an assumption will be known after the fresh elections. For now, Israeli domestic politics is becoming too polarised. Mr. Bennett still thinks that the new government that will come will have to build consensus and agree to compromise because no one is going to get a majority (61 out of 120 seats) in Parliament.

The road ahead

Henry Kissinger once said that Israel does not have a foreign policy but domestic politics. Israel is a house that is constantly in chaos; domestic issues overpower leaders so much that Israel fails to have long-drawn pro-active foreign policy. As a small state, Israel is inward-looking and parochial.

The Times of Israel has reported that "Bennett said he should have focused more on managing his own party and domestic politics while he was prime minister, and less on making progress with international leaders including Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky and the United Arab Emirates' Mohamed bin Zayed".

Mr. Bennett has attempted to mediate between Russia and Ukraine when the conflict between them started. Israel has also signed a Free Trade Agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) which is a historical development considering the amount of regional isolation Israel has had to endure. There is a new chapter opening in Israel-Turkey relations. There is a buzz with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan as well. Next month, the United States President, Joe Biden, is making his first trip to Israel and there is a scheduled joint summit level meeting of the Middle East Quad (now called I2U2, or India, Israel, the U.S. and the UAE). So, not only is a celebration of 30 years of India-Israel relations awaiting a stable Israeli government but there are also other very significant geo-political changes.

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At the China border

It is worrisome that China is upgrading its defence equipment on its border with India (Page 1, "China upgraded firepower on LAC", June 27). That these developments in terms of a military infrastructure build-up have been going on ever since the stand-off between India and China confirms the point that China has been planning meticulously in terms of a permanency.

One wonders where the talks that have been held so far on disengagement and de-escalation are heading if China is working to a plan. Though India has expanded its military capabilities and augmented its border defence infrastructure, it should be alert to face any eventualities.

D. SETHURAMAN,
Chennai

■ If the report is true, it reveals the true intentions of Beijing. And if the shared interests of India and China are dominant in other spheres, it is not clear why no major headway has been made to de-escalate the situation on the border. Keeping the border issue alive will only lead to unintended consequences, regardless of other breakthroughs achieved in bilateral relations and at multilateral forums.

A. VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

The Left is back

In past decades, most nations were swinging far right, some totalitarian like China, Russia and Turkey. The world over, leaders sought political longevity in right-wing bias and in a duet with authoritarianism under a thin veneer of democracy. Now, there is a perceptible shift to Leftist parties across geographies, be it in Latin America and South East Asia. In Europe, the far Left is challenging the far Right. The U.S. had already discarded Donald Trump and western nations seem no longer enthusiastic about right-wing politics. The outcome in the French elections is a signal. COVID-19 exposed the fragility of the common man in the face of a deteriorating economy globally. While Emmanuel Macron was elected President to also ward off Russian belligerence, the divide induced by the pandemic between the rich and the commoner had the French electorate leaning significantly Left in the Parliament elections, in the hope of moderating capitalist bias in economic policies. The global quest to find an ideological equilibrium will be endless.

R. NARAYANAN,
Navi Mumbai

U.S. and women's rights

Can a girl or woman be burdened with an unwanted child? Where is the freedom of choice? Why restrict the decision only to abortion? Does the Statue of Liberty standing so high sanction all this? Do women alone have to trace their rights to the Constitution? Is there not something such as the basic inalienable right of women? The anti-abortion judgment in the United States that has reversed a 50-year stand in *Roe vs Wade*, proceeds on a misconception of women's rights and the Constitution. The U.S. can no longer boast that it is a democratic country wedded to the rule of law.

At one end of the spectrum the U.S. Supreme Court is taking away the right to abort and at the other end it expands the right to have a gun which will only increase the risk of killings and promote the gun lobby.

N.G.R. PRASAD,
Chennai

Ranji win

In its spirited Ranji campaign that culminated in style, Madhya Pradesh did play some winsome cricket ('Sport' page, "Madhya Pradesh keeps its date with maiden Ranji Trophy glory", June 27). The achievement of M.P. should have reminded many of the era and legacy of the Holkar team from Indore.

C.G. KURIAKOSE,
Malippara, Kothamangalam, Kerala

From higher to hire education

Higher education is increasingly getting delivered by for-profit entities

FURQAN QAMAR

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Higher education policy planners and regulators are busy giving shape to the digital university, which was announced in the 2022-23 Union Budget. Though still on the drawing board, the digital university is expected to offer any number, kind, and type of course without limits on intake, in a hybrid or 'physical plus digital' mode. It proclaims to provide equitable access to quality higher education and employability-enhancing skill development programmes to all.

Recent developments

In the interim, the University Grants Commission has relaxed the norms and standards for setting up open universities. In particular, land requirement has been reduced from 40 acres to just five acres. This is likely to open the floodgates for private open universities. Simultaneously, more universities are being enabled to offer courses in the distance, open and online mode, mostly in collaboration with EdTech startups and unicorns. Some have already outsourced the delivery of their courses to such agencies. Students are also made to complete a certain portion of their course requirements through Massive Open Online Courses. Additionally, they can accumulate credits at will and deposit them in their Academic Bank of Credit to be exchanged for a degree at a later stage. Higher education in India is getting metamorphosed into 'hire education'. In the process, higher education is now getting delivered by for-profit entities, in contravention of the long-held belief that education at all levels must be provided on a not-for-profit basis.

The idea of providing higher educational opportunities in a non-formal mode is not new. Most mainstream universities in India have been allowing students, particularly women and working people, to learn on their own and take university exams as private candidates. Many have performed quite well.

The mode and medium of remote learning have, however, been changing to keep pace with technological advancement. Broadcasts and telecasts were once regarded as game changers to impart education remotely. They were espoused to be the cheapest way of enhancing access to quality education. The realities belied these expectations.

Information Communication and Entertainment technologies, augmented and virtual realities, artificial intelligence and machine learning are being touted as technologies with immense possibilities for transforming the delivery of education. The higher education horizon appears densely dotted with EdTech startups and tech companies as higher education aggregators.

Technology-enabled and mediated digital learning is projected as the future of higher education. Such learning is supposed to end face-to-face formal education – so much so that some have already started writing the obituary of the brick-and-mortar universities. Two years of COVID-19-compelled online education seems to have convinced them that in future, education, particularly higher education, will transform into a virtual space.

Evidence of massive learning losses due to the digital divide, but primarily due to the inherent limitations of technology, are being regarded as mere teething troubles. Sold to the idea, policy planners and regulators are aggressively pushing the distance, open, virtual, and online modes of education.

The EdTechs and technology companies are euphoric about these developments. The media is already abuzz with EdTechs raising resources and enhancing capacities to capitalise on the opportunities that these market-friendly reforms throw up. How successful and effective would such programmes be? No one knows. Going by the evidence, employers across the world are generally negatively disposed towards this. Most recruiters prefer to hire those who have graduated in face-to-face mode.

No wonder even the strongest proponents of online and virtual education feel that such programmes be subjected to stricter oversight, tighter regulations, and rigorous processes to ensure high standards and robust quality control. Given the fact that the quality of higher education is inversely proportional to the intensity of regulation, designing and developing an efficient and effective regulatory mechanism often proves more challenging than imagined.

The open and distance mode of learning, including the latest model based on digital and virtual delivery, often finds favour with the government due to cost considerations. It is, however, wrong to assume that these are economical and cost-effective. To be effective, they not only require massive capital investment in infrastructure, but also demand a significantly higher recurring expenses on content development and their continuous updating and upgradation.

No substitute for teachers

Digital delivery and technology integration in education may undoubtedly serve a useful purpose. Higher education must indeed embrace and keep pace with the advancements in technology. Technology can be effectively leveraged as a quality-enhancement tool. It would, however, be a blunder to regard technology-mediated teaching-learning as an alternative to face-to-face education. Technology can supplement and not substitute teachers.

No world-class universities, including those with a high degree of technology integration in their teaching and learning processes, are planning to cut down their faculty cost or their number any time soon. On the contrary, they envision hiring more of them to attain greater excellence. India cannot be an exception to this. Higher education is a lot more than borrowing content and delivering them online or outsourcing content. This would render India a consumer of knowledge. We must, instead, be focussed on exploiting our full potential to emerge as a producer of knowledge and providers of the global workforce.

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Modi's two summits: UAE trumps G7

The UAE was a bigger investor in India in 2021 than Germany and France combined

MAHESH SACHDEV

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is attending two summits this week - he is a 'special invitee' at the 48th G7 Summit at Schloss Elmou in Germany. After that, he has a bilateral summit in Abu Dhabi with the UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan on June 28. Though the pundits may consider the second event as a sideshow, some statistics are enough to prove them wrong.

If the U.S. is exempted, no G7 country comes close to the UAE as India's trading partner, exports market, Indian diaspora base and their inward remittances. According to our official Foreign Direct Investment data, the UAE invested more in India in 2021 than Germany and France combined. Unlike the UAE, none of the G7 countries has yet signed a bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India.

Both summits are important to India, but unlike the interlocutors in the Bavarian Alps, our Prime Minister is unlikely to be hectored in Abu Dhabi about where not to buy oil from or how much Indian wheat and sugar must be sold. The agenda is likely to be more constructive and benign.

India-UAE synergy

The current India-UAE synergy and amity are largely due to Prime Minister Modi's tending. This would be his fourth visit to Abu Dhabi and sixth summit with Sheikh Mohammed over the past seven years. These have re-energised this historic, but long-dormant, relationship. The visits have plenty to show – from Emirati investments in Jammu and Kashmir to a CEPA. After a COVID-19-induced three-year hiatus, a Modi-Sheikh Mohammed summit was desirable to infuse a fresh momentum.

In protocol terms, Mr. Modi would commiserate the passing away of UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed on May 13 and the appointment of Sheikh Mohammed, 61, as his successor. As Sheikh Mohammed has been the de facto President since Sheikh Khalifa suffered a stroke in 2014, the change at the helms means little in the practical term. However, this being the only second transition at the top since the formation of the UAE in 1971, it is significant. It symbolises political stability and continuity in a turbulence-prone region. Mr. Modi would probably be the first non-Arab leader to be received in Abu Dhabi after the 40-day State mourning ended on June 22. Thus, the Abu Dhabi summit would be a useful opportunity to recalibrate the bilateral ties and open new vistas following the operationalisation of the bilateral CEPA from May 1.

Changes since the pandemic

Significant changes in the bilateral, regional and global context have taken place since the two leaders last met in August 2019. Both countries have successfully contained the COVID-19 pandemic and can pool their experiences. Their bilateral trade grew by 68% in 2021-22 to $72.9 billion, a new record. While both exports and imports grew, the trade deficit reached $16.8 billion, also a new record. Thanks to the CEPA, the robust economic revival, higher oil prices and larger Indian imports, trade is likely to grow even higher in 2022-23. The corrective mechanism built into CEPA would, hopefully, prevent the deficit from going out of hand. As the UAE collects petrodollars, India, the world's fastest-growing major economy, could be a lucrative market for investments in areas such as petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, renewables, infrastructure, manufacturing, logistics, start-ups, etc. A lot has already been done to streamline the manpower sector, including skilling the young Indian labour force to suit the Emirati requirements, but more can be done. The two sides can collaborate for the eventual reconstruction of the war-ravaged regional countries such as Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan. In the bilateral political domain, the two sides have cooperated efficiently on security and anti-terrorism, but they need to do more to fight money laundering and the flow of illicit narcotics.

A complex area

The South West Asian region is a complex and evolving area. The UAE has disrupted the longstanding Arab Israeli stalemate by normalising relations with Israel in 2020. The two sides have recently signed a bilateral CEPA. After pursuing a muscular regional foreign policy against political Islam and in regional hotspots such as Syria, Yemen, Libya, Sudan, and Somalia, Abu Dhabi seems to have decided to stage a phased withdrawal and improve ties with Syria, Qatar and Turkey. The ties with Saudi Arabia remain somewhat edgy, due to policy divergences and economic competition. Similarly, Abu Dhabi has developed some ruction with the Biden presidency in the U.S. and is diversifying its strategic options with Russia and China. It has conspicuously ignored the plea by the U.S. and other Western countries to raise its oil production. India, the UAE's second-largest trading partner, and largest source of tourists and manpower, can be a useful ally.

Against this ongoing regional and global flux, the India-UAE summit is both topical and opportune and can have an impact beyond the bilateral context.

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STATE OF PLAY

Why healthcare workers are restive

In Kerala, trust between the people and the medical community has broken down

C MAYA

Last Tuesday, a three-member gang barged into Neendakara Taluk hospital in Kollam district of Kerala and attacked the hospital staff and security personnel with iron rods. This was in retaliation to an altercation between one of the accused and the health workers days earlier. In response to the attack, the hospital staff and medical fraternity went on strike. The police have arrested the members of the gang. However, healthcare workers remain restive since at least 12 such major incidents have been reported in the last one year besides the attacks against doctors that take place almost on a regular basis.

This has caught the attention of the Kerala High Court. While adjudicating on the case, the court directed the authorities to devise a clear plan of action so that hospitals, especially in remote areas, are provided police protection at night and healthcare workers are able to work without fear. It also asked the government to revert on the crowd-control measures it plans to take to enable healthcare workers to do their work without stress.

This is not the first time that the High Court is intervening on behalf of doctors. Last week, the court had refused to grant anticipatory bail to a man accused of obstructing a doctor, pointing out that even an obstruction or hindrance committed on a healthcare person is a grave offence as per the law.

At the heart of the issue is the fact that the State's public sector hospitals are mostly understaffed. In a casualty ward, sometimes one doctor is forced to take care of 250-300 patients. As a consequence, dissatisfied patients are not a rarity. Doctors working in late evening shifts are the most vulnerable as they often have to deal with those with criminal backgrounds or people coming in an inebriated state. Overcrowding and the lack of competent security arrangements often aggravate the situation.

After one major incident last August, the government had issued orders that CCTV cameras be installed at casualty wings and OPD counters and that such cameras be linked to police aid posts.

The Kerala Health Service Persons and Healthcare Services Institutions (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act 2012 has not been a deterrent to these incidents despite its stringent provisions. Doctors say local politicians put pressure on the police not to file cases under the Act, as local people are often involved in such incidents. The police are accused of allowing offenders to abscond or file fake counter cases against doctors.

The deeper problem is the breakdown of trust between people and the medical community. The advancements in health technology and medical diagnostics have improved patient safety, but somehow the message that not all medical complications are due to human error has not been effectively conveyed to the public.

Many of the issues of public distrust might be put to rest if doctors properly counselled the patients. But given the overcrowded hospitals, the shortage of human resources and the acute stress under which healthcare workers function, trust has only declined. The medical fraternity believes that the media's coverage of incidents of perceived medical negligence have only worsened the situation.

It does not bode well for the health system to have doctors in a combative mood. Creating safe workplaces for healthcare workers is important for improving the delivery of quality service. The State government has made sizeable investments, especially during the pandemic, in augmenting health infrastructure. Increasing human resources and improving the security system would go a long way in boosting the confidence and morale of a weary workforce.

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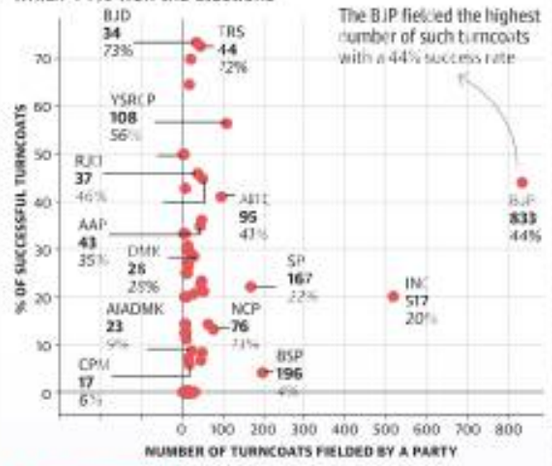
DATA POINT

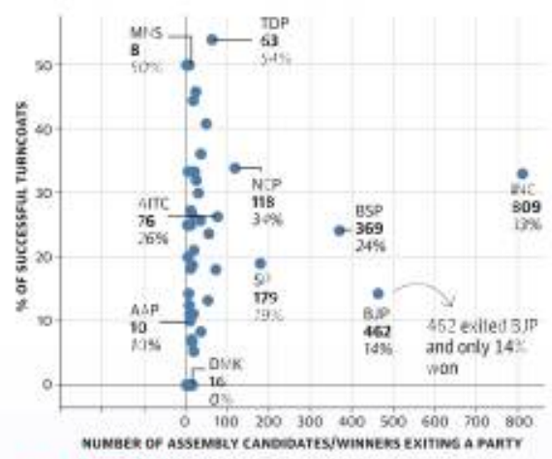
A decade of turncoats

It is a common spectacle in India to see politicians defect from a party, re-contest from another party, and become MLAs again. The rebellion in the Shiv Sena has once again put the spotlight on defections. Data show that in the last decade, the BJP fielded more than 830 turncoats in the Assembly polls, the highest number by any party. A turncoat is an MLA candidate who participated in the previous election as a candidate of another recognised State/national party. More than 44% of the turncoats fielded by the BJP have won – a relatively high success rate. By **Rebecca Rose Varghese** and **Vignesh Radhakrishan**

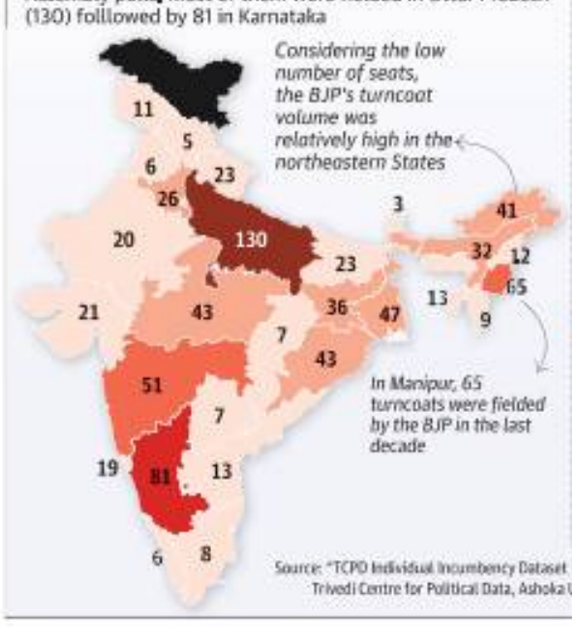
Number of turncoats | The chart shows the number of turncoats fielded in the Assembly polls in the last decade and the % of those who won. For instance, the BJP fielded 833 turncoats in the Assembly polls in the last decade, of which 44% won the elections



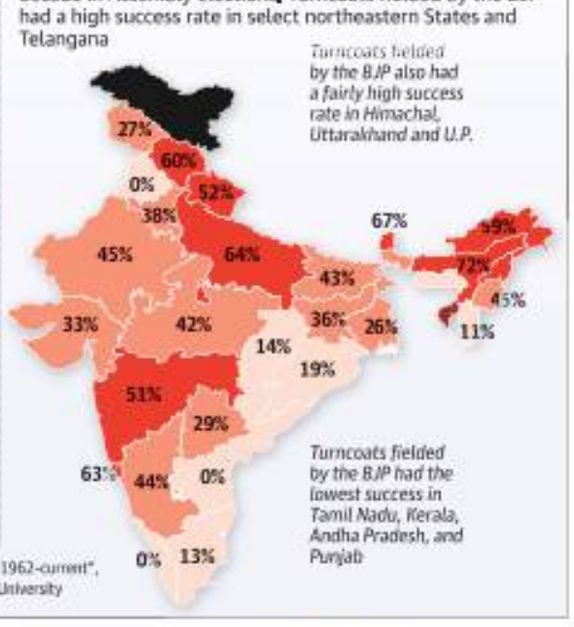
Previous party | The chart shows the number of Assembly candidates/winners who exited a party and joined another in the last decade and the % who won. For instance, 806 Congress candidates/winners switched parties in the last decade and 33% of them won after switching



BJP's turncoats | The map shows the number of turncoats fielded by the BJP in the last decade in the Assembly polls. Most of them were fielded in Uttar Pradesh (130) folllowed by 81 in Karnataka



BJP's success rate | The map shows the % of turncoats who won the polls after being fielded by the BJP in the last decade in Assembly elections. Turncoats fielded by the BJP had a high success rate in select northeastern States and Telangana



Source: "TCPD Individual Incumbency Dataset 1962-current", Trivedi Centre for Political Data, Ashoka University

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 28, 1972

Demonetisation will not help

New Delhi, June 27: Several members are reported to have told the meeting of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee for Finance to-day that demonetisation of currency would not help in unearthing black money in the country. The meeting presided over by the Finance Minister, Mr. Y.B. Chavan heard the views of members on the measures proposed by the Wanchoo Committee for unearthing black money, greater administrative control for tax collection and demonetisation of currency. The committee will to-morrow continue the discussion on the recommendations of the Wanchoo committee on tax reforms. On the question of unearthing black money, it was pointed out by some members that in the recent raids on houses of film stars in Bombay, hardly any cash was found by Income-Tax officials. Black money was not kept in cash but converted into gold jewellery and other valuables. They said many people fearing demonetisation would have converted higher denomination notes into hundred rupee notes which were also in the hands of many people in the villages. Demonetisation of hundred rupee notes was completely inadequate to tackle the problem, they said. Almost all speakers are also reported to have criticised the recommendations made by the committee for reduction of tax rates on personal income. They pointed out that if the tax rates at the highest slab were reduced as recommended by the committee, there was no guarantee that people would still not resort to tax evasion. Members said that lowering of tax rates would not lead to removal of disparities.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 28, 1922

Sentenced for sedition

Hyderabad, Sind, June 26: Maharaj Dokaram, who was for some time the editor of "Hindoo", a social non-co-operation organ and is one of its proprietors, was arrested this morning and immediately tried before the District Magistrate under Section 124-A, previous sanction of the Local Government having been obtained. The accused admitted this responsibility and did not offer defence. The Magistrate sentenced him to 10-18 months rigorous imprisonment. The whole trial lasted for less than two hours. The conviction of Maharaj Lokram brings to five the number of editors of "Hindoo" who have been sentenced for sedition.

FROM PAGE ONE

Supreme Court gives a breather to Sena rebels

The Bench also took on record the statement made by the Maharashtra government that no harm would be caused to the lives, liberty and properties of the 39 MLAs who have rebelled against the Uddhav Thackeray government.

The court, however, refused a plea by the rebel legislators to direct the Centre to provide them security. "We don't want any involvement by the Central government... The State police will take care," Justice Kant observed.

Listing the case for hearing on July 11, the Supreme Court issued formal notice to the Deputy Speaker, the ruling Thackeray camp leaders Ajay Chaudhary and Sunil Prabhu and the Central government through the Solicitor General.

Senior advocate Devadatt Kamat, for the Thackeray camp members, urged the Bench to ensure that no floor test took place till the issue was finally decided in court.

"Ah, the cat is out of the bag," Mr. Kaul quipped at Mr. Kamat's submission.

"If there is any change in *status quo* or if anything unlawful were to happen, Your Lordships should give us the liberty to approach you," Mr. Kamat persisted.

But the court remained non-committal, saying it cannot pass orders on the basis of a hypothesis or presumption about the future. "Our doors are always open to any citizen of the country," Justice Kant addressed the lawyer.

Mir's quick trial came ahead of U.S.-Pak. meet

In December 2021, Mr. Blinken released the U.S. State Department's Country Reports on Terrorism that made a specific mention of Mir, saying that Pakistan had not taken sufficient steps against "JeM founder Masood Azhar and LeT's Sajid Mir, mastermind of the 2008 Mumbai attacks".

On June 17, the FATF grouping announced that Pakistan had completed its 34-point action list, and had demonstrated "a positive upwards trend" in the prosecution of individuals named for terror financing and money laundering.

As *The Hindu* had reported earlier, Pakistan won the reprieve after the U.S. and its "five eyes" western allies, including Canada, the U.K., Australia and New Zealand as well as European countries, formed a consensus about moving Pakistan off the grey list in the next few months, after "on-site" visits in August.

In the sentencing order, details of which emerged on Monday, "Sajid Mir", also known as "Sajid Majeed Chaudhury", was sentenced to three terms under Pakistan's Anti-Terror Act, including six months for being a member of the proscribed organisation LeT; eight years for providing financing and property to the organisation; and another seven years for knowingly providing support to the organisations for terrorist activity.

Apart from Mir, who is wanted for planning and training LeT recruits for a number of international terror attacks, sources said Pakistan had now committed to pursuing the conviction of Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar and his brother Rauf Asghar, who have been taken into custody for "preventive detention" as well.

It is significant that Mir is yet to be tried or convicted for his planning of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks.

Alt News co-founder arrested for Twitter post

Digipub, an association of online news organisations, of which Alt News is also a member, was also quick to condemn Mr. Zubair's arrest in the "strongest possible terms" and issued a statement in this regard.

Mr. Zubair has been at the forefront of reporting on hate speech and was the first one to point out suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma's derogatory comments on Prophet Muhammad during a TV news debate, which resulted in widespread outrage, the suspension of Ms. Sharma and several FIRs against her.

Advocate Kawalpreet Kaur, who represented Mr. Zubair in the remand hearing, said he was produced before Patiala House court Duty Metropolitan Magistrate Ajay Narwal in a makeshift court at his apartment complex's garage in Burari around 10.30 p.m.

The Delhi Police sought his custody for seven days, arguing that he was not cooperating with their investigation. Mr. Narwal heard the arguments and granted the police Mr. Zubair's custody for one day.

Advocate Kaur said they had moved a bail application in the instant case before the Duty Metropolitan Magistrate, who dismissed it before granting the police custody of Mr. Zubair for one day.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (IFSO), Special Cell, K.P.S Malhotra said Mr. Zubair was called to the IFSO's Dwarka office on Monday in connection with a POCSO (The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act) case lodged against him in 2020 wherein he had allegedly harassed a minor girl on Twitter.

In this case, the Delhi Police had already submitted before a court that Mr. Zubair's tweet was not found to be objectionable.

They said that in this case, other tweets in the subsequent thread of replies were "derogatory and questionable", adding their probe in this case was nearly over.

PM invites G7 nations to invest in clean energy

India, along with South Africa, Indonesia, Argentina and Senegal, is a guest at this year's G7 summit.

Mr. Modi's remarks on the alternative energy scene in India showed India's efforts to blend in with the dominant agenda of the G7 that's aimed at severing links between the Russian energy sector and major buyers like China and India. Western economies have been championing "clean energy" as an alternative to the oil and gas mix.

"Today, a huge market for clean energy technologies is emerging in India. G7 countries can invest in research, innovation, and manufacturing in this field. The scale that India can provide for every new technology can make that technology affordable for the whole world," Mr. Modi said at the meet.

'BJP wants President's office to be rubber stamp'

Yashwant Sinha, with support from 14 Opposition parties but for AAP and JMM, files nomination papers for presidential poll

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NEW DELHI

Accompanied by representatives of 14 Opposition parties, joint Opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha on Monday filed his nomination papers for the presidential elections. The Aam Aadmi Party and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha were conspicuous by their absence. Both the parties have not yet declared their preference between the government-sponsored candidate Droupadi Murmu and Mr. Sinha.

Consensus candidate: Yashwant Sinha filing his nomination papers for presidential polls in New Delhi on Monday. • PTI

Mr. Sinha was flanked by former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, Trinamool Congress's Abhishek Banerjee, DMK leaders Tiruchi Siva and A. Raja, CPI (M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, CPI general secretary D. Raja and RLD leader Jayant Chaudhary among others. Notably, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, which had skipped both the opposition meetings called for presidential elections, was also present. The party was represented by Telangana Minister K.T. Rama Rao and Lok Sabha member Nama Nageshwar Rao.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Gandhi once again endorsed Mr. Sinha's candidature.

"All Opposition parties are unitedly supporting Mr. Sinha. Of course, we are supporting the individual, but the real fight is between two ideologies, one ideology of the RSS, anger, hatred and the other of compassion, of all the Opposition parties, which are standing together," he said.

Addressing a press conference later in the day, Mr. Sinha said many people were saying that he was the fourth choice of the Opposition but even if he was the 10th choice, he would have accepted the responsibility because it was a big battle.

Ideological fight

"I am fighting this election to save India and India's Constitution. This election is not about two people. I have great personal regard for Ms. Droupadi Murmu. It is not about where we come from or the people that we represent. This is an election between two ideologies," Mr. Sinha said.

He also attacked the BJP government at the Centre alleging that the ruling party was contemptuous of the Constitution and that all power was centralised with the Prime Minister. "Our Prime Minister acts without thinking or consulting people. He makes big, terrible mistakes since he wants absolute power. Our country suffered during demonetisation. Then we had GST which wiped out our traders and small businesses," he said.

He alleged that the Union Cabinet and Parliament had become dysfunctional under the present regime and they want the President's office too to be a rubber stamp.

Mr. Sinha will begin his campaign from Kerala on Tuesday and then he will head to Tamil Nadu and will be spending one day each at Gujarat, Karnataka and Telangana.

Jafri verdict deeply disappointing: Cong.

Party recalls earlier SC verdict calling Modi govt. in Gujarat a 'modern day Nero'

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Three days after the Supreme Court rejected a petition to probe a larger conspiracy behind the 2002 Gujarat riots, the Congress on Monday described the judgment as "deeply disappointing" and recalled that the top court had earlier observed that the conduct of the Narendra Modi government in Gujarat was like a "modern day Nero".

In a strongly worded statement, All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary in-charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, expressed the party's solidarity with the family members of former Lok Sabha member, Ehsan Jafri, who was killed during a mob attack on the Gulberg Society.

"What happened to him in a most tragic manner was the result of a fundamental lapse on the part of the State government," he said.

On Friday, a three-judge Bench of the top court had rejected a petition by Zakia Jafri, wife of Jafri, for a wider probe into the riots.

"The Supreme Court judgment in the Zakia Jafri case is deeply disappointing," Mr. Ramesh said.

"Was Shri Narendra Modi not the Chief Minister of Gujarat when the horrific riots took place in 2002? Why was PM [Atal Bihari] Vajpayee so affected by his lack of action that he had to publicly remind him to do his duty?" the Congress asked.

"Was it not the Supreme Court which called out the conduct of the Modi government in Gujarat as that of 'Modern day Nero's [who] were looking elsewhere when... innocent children and helpless women were burning, and were probably deliberating how the perpetrators of the crime can be saved or protected'?" added the Congress leader.

Apart from mentioning that a section of the BJP, including Minister Smriti Irani had called for the dismissal of Mr. Modi, Mr. Ramesh also pointed out that there have been numerous convictions on the basis of evidence collected by the Special Investigation Team (SIT).

'Moral responsibility'

Reflecting on the top court's order, the Congress also raised the issue of accountability and moral responsibility of the constitutional authorities under whose watch the riots took place.

"What is the constitutional and moral responsibility of the Chief Minister and the State government in cases of large-scale communal riots? Is the responsibility in such cases, only ever that of the Collector and the Deputy Commissioner of Police and not of political executive?" he asked.

Human rights collective seeks Teesta's release

'India will face questions at UN meet'

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NEW DELHI

A collective of human rights organisations has said that India will have to face questions on its handling of human rights defenders, at the upcoming session of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva in November.

Calling for the "immediate release" of activist Teesta Setalvad, the Working Group on Human Rights in India and the UN (WGHR) said that a number of UN human rights representatives had urged India to ensure the safety of human rights defenders.

"As India is to appear before the UN Human Rights Council for its fourth review under the UN's Universal Periodic Review in November 2022, the government will be required to respond to the comments and recommendations from UN member states on the issue of human rights defenders," a statement said.

The collective reminded that India had "obligations under the international human rights instruments that it has ratified" and that the Human Rights Council will review its obligations as per the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights.

Days after Gehlot's barb, Pilot plays down CM's comment

CM had remarked that Pilot was hand in glove with the BJP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a sign of the leadership tussle in the Rajasthan Congress making a comeback, former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot on Monday appeared to brush off Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's remarks that he was hand in glove with the BJP in leading a rebellion against the Gehlot government.

Domestic affairs: Sachin Pilot interacting with members of his constituency in Rajasthan on Monday. • @SACHINPILOT/TWITTER

Mr. Pilot recalled that the Chief Minister had earlier too used words like *nakaara, nikamma* (useless, incompetent) for him.

"Earlier also, Ashok Gehlot *ji* had said things about me like *nakara, nikamma*. He is an experienced, senior person, a father figure so I do not take offence," Mr. Pilot told reporters in Tonk, adding, "Right now my focus is to bring back our government in the State".

The former Rajasthan Congress chief, who unsuccessfully led a rebellion against the Gehlot government in July 2020, also referred to a recent statement of former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi in which Mr. Gandhi appreciated his patience.

Quoting Rahul

Last week, during a meeting of party leaders at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters, Mr. Gandhi had said working in the Congress made people patient.

"When I was questioned by Enforcement Directorate officials, they asked me how do I have so much patience. I didn't tell them but you want to know? Well, I have been working with the Congress party since 2004. If I don't have patience then who will. Every leader of the Congress party knows this-...Look at Sachin Pilot, he is sitting patiently," Mr. Gandhi had said.

Referring to this statement, Mr. Pilot tried to play down the pubic exchange that was triggered by Mr. Gehlot's all-out attack on senior BJP leader and Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

Simranjit Singh Mann's win may act as a fillip for 'Akali politics'

AAP can counter this only through development: experts

VIKAS VASUDEVA
CHANDIGARH

The victory of Simranjit Singh Mann, a known hardline Sikh leader and chief of the Shiromani Akali Dal-Amritsar (SAD-Amritsar), from Punjab's Sangrur parliamentary constituency, may have far-reaching implications. Mr. Mann, who has time and again raised the bogey of 'Khalistan', the sovereign state for Sikhs, could by his unexpected win embolden radical elements and lead to a resurgence of the "Akali politics" in Punjab.

Observers of the State's politics, and law and order, fear this dangerous trend will be a tough challenge for the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), which would have to take concrete steps to deal firmly with the emerging situation.

Punjab went through a traumatic phase of militancy from the mid-1980s to early-1990s over the demand for Khalistan. The Khalistan movement has lost popular support but sporadic incidents that have taken place recently in Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh have re-ignited the debate over the movement's revival.

Simranjit Singh Mann

In May this year, Mr. Mann raised the Khalistan issue at a meeting convened by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), the body responsible for the management of gurdwaras, urging the SGPC to support the pro-Khalistan resolution that he claimed was unanimously passed by it in 1946. The meeting, convened in Amritsar, had been called to deliberate the release of Sikh prisoners.

Pramod Kumar, Director, Institute for Development and Communication, Chandigarh, said the apparent radicalism in the backdrop of Sangrur byelection result could have been countered had the State government's performance been promising. "The ruling AAP has failed to take off on the development and governance front.," he said.

Shashi Kant, former Director General of Police (DGP), Punjab, says that in the recent past, it has been seen that drones, drugs, money and explosives are being pushed into Punjab from Pakistan, Mr. Kant said, "The use of a rocket-propelled grenade to attack the police building at Mohali recently can't be ignored. Also, the arrests at Karnal in Haryana with explosives is a serious matter. All of these incidents involving terrorist backing from foreign soil show a dangerous trend."

PM is helping friends become rich, says Rahul

'Agniveers bogged down by contracts'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made his friends *daulatweer* (rich) while making youth Agniveers with a four-year contract, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said on Monday.

Mr. Gandhi's attack on the Prime Minister came on a day when the party leaders and activists observed a "peaceful *satyagraha*" across 3,500 Assembly constituencies to demand rollback of the new military recruitment scheme.

Airport leases

"The Prime Minister is making his friends *daulatveer* (rich) by handing them country's airports for 50 years while making youths Agniveers on a four-year contract," Mr. Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi that played around words.

"The Congress is doing #SatyagrahaForYouth against Agnipath across the country today. This satyagraha will not stop until the youth get justice," Mr. Gandhi added.

"The government's duty is to provide security rather than create insecurity in the minds of lakhs of men and women who aspire to serve the nation by joining the armed forces. The government has itself admitted to a shocking 1,25,000 non-commissioned vacancies," party spokesperson Mohan Prakash told reporters.

Webinar explores skills for digital age

STEM education has to be interdisciplinary and hands on, say experts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Seeking to push the boundaries of traditional understanding of what digital careers include, a webinar on 'The emerging career opportunities in the digital age' was organised by Digital University Kerala and *The Hindu* Education Plus as a part of the career counselling series.

As a part of the webinar, the panellists addressed the expectations and opportunities for work in the Industry 4.0.

Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor of Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation And Technology set the stage by explaining the paradoxical situation in digital careers where there is a shortage of skilled labour, but there remain several unemployed graduates with science and technology education.

"1 in every 3 jobs created by 2050 will be for an Indian. If Indians are to adapt to Industry 4.0 changes, there must be a change in the way digital higher education is offered, he said. He drew from his expertise and pointed out that STEM education has to transform, to be interdisciplinary and hands-on.

"For this reason, the post-graduate programmes at Digital University Kerala make real industry experience a mandatory part of their digital education curriculum. Graduates must be billable from day 1 of joining a company," he said.

The nature of digital careers in Industry 4.0 was further explained by Shruti George, who leads Sustainability and Innovation at Avery Dennison, Netherlands. She provided a glimpse into the exciting ways in which digital solutions operate in the packaging and supply chain industry.

Echoing Dr. Saji Gopinath's views, she said that the culture of digital careers was changing to prioritise sustainability and ethics in processes.

Both the panellists highlighted the importance of including humanities and social sciences in STEM higher education.

"A person who doesn't have a STEM education can still build a successful career in STEM industries as long as they develop strong problem-solving skills and are willing to learn constantly," Ms. Shruti said.

The panellists also encouraged students and graduates considering digital careers to be interdisciplinary and unconventional in their choices.

To view the webinar, go to bit.ly/careersmeet

Raut wants to finish off Sena: rebel MLAs

Deepak Kesarkar blames MP for the break in former ties with BJP, terms him 'blue-eyed boy' of NCP

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
PUNE

Denying that they had staged a 'rebellion', the Shiv Sena MLAs led by Minister Eknath Shinde on Monday launched a blistering attack on Sena MP Sanjay Raut, accusing him of finishing off the party allegedly on the orders of NCP chief Sharad Pawar.

The dissident MLAs claimed that they were fighting for the preservation of the party's respect.

In a strongly-worded open letter which he posted on Twitter, Sena MLA Deepak Kesarkar, said it was only because of the vitriol spewed on the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Mr. Raut that the chasm between the two parties had widened.

"It is unfortunate that the party is being run on Sanjay Raut's advice... a person who has not been elected by the people is set out to finish off the party. You may distance us from the BJP. But if you distance the Shiv Sena from 'Hindutva', then how do you expect us to tolerate this?" Mr. Kesarkar said.

With the majority of the 55 Sena MLAs siding with Mr. Shinde, the Uddhav Thackeray-led faction on Monday had taken the offensive against the rebel MLAs.

Mr. Raut had called them "living corpses" who would be sent to a mortuary for post-mortem on their return from Guwahati.

The controversial statement by the Rajya Sabha member provoked Mr. Kesarkar's letter, and castigated the former for being the "blue-eyed boy" of NCP.

"Sanjay Raut has committed the heinous crime of distancing Uddhav Thackeray from us...the NCP fires the gun from his shoulder and who does the bullet hit – not enemies of our party but party loyalists like us. This is not acceptable," Mr. Kesarkar said. He questioned whether the Sena ought to let go off all its self esteem to merely "please Sharad Pawar and Sonia Gandhi".

"How can we defend a Minister who has ties to Dawood Ibrahim [NCP's Nawab Malik]? Even during the recent Rajya Sabha elections, the NCP defeated the Sena's candidate," alleged Mr. Kesarkar. He further said that Mr. Raut could today sit in the Rajya Sabha only because of the support of all Sena MLAs.

Angry protesters: Eknath Shinde's supporters burning Sanjay Raut in effigy in Thane on Monday. • PTI

Mr. Kesarkar further said that ties between the Sena and the BJP in 2014 were severed only because of the party's leadership's refusal to let go of four seats.

"Because of the efforts of Narendra Modi and Uddhav Thackeray, we won 18 MPs in the 2014 Lok Sabha election. We were ready to contest together in the 2014 Assembly election as well. At that time, Aaditya Thackeray had given the slogan for 'Mission 151+'," he said.

Mr. Kesarkar said while the BJP had initially promised 140 seats, they eventually agreed to let the Sena have 147 seats while they themselves contested on 127. However, the Sena leadership remained intransigent on its demand for four more seats which led to the split in the alliance, alleged Mr. Kesarkar. He further remarked that when the two parties eventually got together, Mr. Raut began hurling his venomous barbs and using language and cheap criticism that was not used even by the Opposition parties. The rebel Sena MLA further said that despite the growing gulf between the BJP and the Sena owing to Mr. Raut being brought to the notice of the party leadership, nothing was done about it.

"While the BJP was increasing is strength under Modi's leadership, even the Sena was constantly trying to grow. The outcome was that due to two similarly ideological parties growing Hindutva was gaining strength-...Balasaheb's basic mantra was that focusing on Hindutva was above alliances," he said.

He further said that just when the government formation [after 2019 Assembly election] remained a mere formality, Mr. Raut allegedly became active on the advice of the "strong NCP leader".

Alleging that a very systematic effort was made to demolish all that the Shiv Sena stood for, the MLA questioned the rationale for the ideologically opposed 'Maha Vikas Aghadi' government.

"What kind of power it is when one is on a path of self-destruction? What is the point of power if Shiv Sena will cease to exist?" he asked.

Maharashtra CM reallocates portfolios of nine Ministers

BJP continues to distance itself from turmoil in the State

STAFF REPORTER
MUMBAI

With a number of Maharashtra Ministers joining the Eknath Shinde rebel MLAs group, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Monday handed over their portfolios to other Ministers.

Meanwhile, the BJP continues to stick to its position that it has no hand in the political crisis in the State.

Terming the turmoil Shiv Sena's internal matter, the Maharashtra unit chief of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday reiterated that the party has nothing to speak on the issue.

"This is Shiv Sena's internal matter. We will not interfere. We are going forward with our agenda. We will not comment on Sena's activities," said Chandrakant Patil.

Among the Ministers, Subhash Desai is given charge of Urban Development Department and Public Works Department (Public Undertakings) which were held by rebel group leader Eknath Shinde. Anil Parab is given charge of Water Supply and Sanitation department of Gulabrao Patil, Shankaraao Gadakh will look after Agriculture and Ex-servicemen welfare held by Dadaji Bhuse as well as Employment Guarantee and Horticulture with Sandipan Bhumre.

Aaditya Thackeray will look after the Higher and Technical Education department of Uday Samant. Shambhuraje Desai's Home (Rural) is now with Sanjay Bansode; Finance, planning, Skill Development, Marketing is with Vishwajit Kadam and Excise with Satej Patil. Rajendra Patil Yadravkar's Public Health and family welfare is now with Mr. Kadam, Medical Education and Textile with Prajakt Tanpure, Food and Drug Administration with Satej Patil and Cultural department is now with Aditi Tatkare. Abdul Sattar's Revenue is now with Prajakt Tanpure, Rural development with Mr. Patil, Ports, Salt pan is now with Ms. Tatkare. Omprakash alias Bachchu Kadu's School Education is now with Ms. Tatkare, Water resources and Command Area development and Labour is with Mr. Patil.

Details on govt. orders sought

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari has asked the State chief secretary to provide complete information of all Government Resolutions (GRs) and circulars issued by the government from June 22-24.

The direction came after the departments issued government orders for the release of funds worth hundreds of crores from June 22-24 for various development-related works.

ED summons Sanjay Raut in money laundering case

The MP has been asked to appear before the agency today

SONAM SAIGAL
MUMBAI

Amidst all the political drama in Maharashtra, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday summoned Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut in a money laundering case of 2018.

He has been summoned to be present before the central agency on June 28 in a case relating to the irregularities in the redevelopment of Patra Chawl project at Goregaon. The MP tweeted, "I just came to know that the ED has summoned me. Good! There are big political developments in Maharashtra. We, Balasaheb's Shivsainiks are fighting a big battle. This is a conspiracy to stop me. Even if you behead me, I won't take the Guwahati route. Arrest me! Jai Hind"

The case dates back to March 2018 when an FIR was registered under the provision of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act against M/s Guru Ashish Construction, Housing Development and Infrastructure Limited's (HDIL) promoters Rakesh and Sarang Wadhwan on the basis of a complaint filed by an executive engineer of the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development (MHADA). The FIR booked them under Sections 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant, or banker or agent), 420 (cheating), 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the IPC.

In the spotlight: Sanjay Raut leaving from Shiv Sena Bhavan after a press conference in Dadar, Mumbai on Monday. • PTI

According to the ED, M/s Guru Ashish Construction was entrusted with the development of Patra Chawl for rehabilitation of 672 tenants in 47 acres. During the relevant time, the Wadhawan brothers and Pravin Raut were the directors of M/s Guru Ashish Construction.

As per the agreement, the developer was to provide flats to the tenants and develop flats for the MHADA and thereafter the remaining area was to be sold by the developer. The ED contends that the directors of Guru Ashish Constructions misled the MHADA and managed to sell the floor space index to nine developers and collected approximately ₹901.79 crore without constructing the rehabilitation portion for 672 displaced tenants and the MHADA portion.

The company launched Meadows project and took the booking amount of around ₹138 crore from buyers. The total proceeds generated by the company through the illegal activities was around ₹1,039.79 crore.

Junior Thackeray takes up the task to avoid split

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI

From visiting a Shiv Sena worker in hospital to holding a meeting with party workers in a rebel MLA's constituency, Yuva Sena chief and Maharashtra's Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray seems to have taken it upon himself to connect with the party organisation in a bid to control the party's biggest-ever collapse.

"Those who ran away are calling themselves rebels. Had you been real rebels you would have dared to come face to face and told us about your intention. Those who have left, should resign and contest the elections. Show us if you can win this election without Shiv Sena. We will defeat you," Mr. Aaditya said at a party meeting in Mumbai on Sunday.

Mr. Aaditya is facing an uphill task of regrouping the party that is struggling after 39 of its MLAs deserted it to join hands with rebel second-in-command Eknath Shinde. In a bid to avoid a vertical split within the party organisation, Mr. Aaditya seems to have stepped up as party president and Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's fragile health may bring restrictions on the latter's movements.

Aaditya Thackeray

Appealing to party workers to strongly reply to the 'betrayal', the junior Thackeray has been using aggressive language in his speeches, making it a point to visit places and boosting the confidence of party workers from the areas where the MLAs have ditched the party and joined the rebel group.

On Monday, he visited families of police personnel residing in BDD chawls in Worli and made the announcement of reducing the construction cost of to be newly redeveloped homes to ₹25 lakh instead of the earlier ₹50 lakh. "He is not meeting workers and travelling for the first time. But there is qualitative difference. Earlier, he was focused on Yuva Sena, this time it is Shiv Sena. Preference given to Yuva Sena cadre is one of the reasons of present condition of the party. The old guards wanted more say in matters of governance and party organisation," said Sanjay Patil, researcher at the civics and politics department of Mumbai University.

Patole urges Governor to call Assembly session

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

As the political drama sparked by fierce problems within the ruling Shiv Sena entered its seventh day on Monday, Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole – whose party is in alliance with the Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) – demanded Governor B.S. Koshyari to convene a session of the Assembly at the earliest, while accusing the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the Centre of 'scripting' Maharashtra's turmoil.

"It is clear now that the BJP is trying to finish off the Shiv Sena and attempting to destabilise the cultural and political fabric of Maharashtra. The BJP will have to bear the fruits of their action," said Mr. Patole. Urging the Governor to convene a special session of the State Assembly, he said that the rebel MLAs and the BJP ought to prove their majority on the floor of the House if they had the numbers.

PIL in HC seeks direction to Sena rebels to return

SONAM SAIGAL
MUMBAI

A public interest litigation (PIL) petition has been filed at the Bombay High Court on Monday seeking appropriate action against Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde and other Ministers for omission of duties towards the citizens.

The petitioners are journalist, lawyers and students – Utpal Chandawar, Abhijeet Ghule-Patil, Neelima Vartak, Hemant Karnik, Manali Gupte, Medha Kulkarni and Madhavi Kulkarni

The petition states, "Citizen's public rights are getting ignored due to the current political turmoil that is taking place in Maharashtra. It is causing public nuisance to the citizens as the Ministers of Maharashtra are neglecting their duties towards the citizens who have elected them. Instead of working for the community, the Ministers are aiming at securing personal gains by instigating internal disorder within the governance of the State."

It says that the rebel Ministers have ignored Article 38 of the Indian Constitution that reads, "The State shall strive to promote the welfare of the people by securing and protecting as effectively as it may a social order in which justice, social, economic and political, shall inform all the institutions of the national life." The plea filed by advocate Ajinkya Udane contends that it is the duty and responsibility of each elected/appointed Member of the Legislative Assembly or Member of Parliament to not disturb or create nuisance in constitutional governance for their public gain or ego.

The PIL urges the court for a direction to all the Ministers to return and assume their duties.

Manipur Sena workers detained in Guwahati

GUWAHATI

Four Shiv Sena members from Manipur were on Monday detained from near the five star hotel where the dissident party MLAs from Maharashtra, led by Eknath Shinde, are holed up. About 70 Sena workers from Manipur, Tripura, and different parts of Assam have been camping in Guwahati in a bid to reach the dissidents and request them to patch up with Uddhav Thackeray.

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LOCO WORKS, PERAMBUR, AYANAVARAM, CHENNAI - 600 023
TENDER NOTICE
No. ELW-ACL-HOG-22
Due on 25.07.2022

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Loco Works/Perambur, Southern Railway, Ayanavaram, Chennai - 600 023 invites following **online Open Tenders** as per Tender Notice issued as in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The Tenderer(s) intending to apply e-tender for works/service contract, need to get enrolled in the aforesaid e-tender portal and only online tenders will be accepted. The payment towards Bid Security Deposit is to be made through online payment method only. It is the responsibility of the tenderer(s) to obtain necessary Digital Signature Certificates for participating in the e-tenders.

Tender No.ELW-ACL-HOG-22

Tender for (Name of work): Ancillary work for the fitment of Hotel Load Converter in Three Phase Locomotives.(Excluding supply of power cables and control cables)

Quantity: 17 No's

Period of Contract: 18 Months

Estimated Tender value: Rs.1,16,08,398.83 (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Eight Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight and Paise Eighty Three only)

Bid Security: Rs. 2,08,100/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eight Thousand One Hundred Only)

Cost of Tender Document: NIL

Tender Due on: 25.07.2022, 15.00 hrs

Website Particulars: **www.ireps.gov.in**

For further details interested persons may kindly log on to **www.ireps.gov.in**

Railway reserves the right to issue any corrigendum to the tender till 10 days prior to the opening of the tender. Tenderers are advised to check the website before submitting their offer whether any such corrigendum to the tender has been issued or not.

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ Loco Works/Perambur, Ayanavaram, Chennai - 600 023

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Tender Notice Nos. CGM/ Projects/03,04&05/2022-23, Dt. 27.06.2022

Bids through **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** are invited from the eligible bidders for Survey, Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of **1)** 24 Nos. (Twenty four) 33/11kV Semi-Indoor Sub-stations in Ananthapur District **2)** 26 Nos. (15 Nos for Jagananna Colonies and 11 Nos under T&D) 33/11 kV Semi-Indoor Sub-stations in 5 Districts of APSPDCL **3)** 1 No. (One number) 33/11kV Out-Door Sub-station for APTIDCO houses in Kurnool on Semi-turnkey basis. The tender will be made available from **23.00 Hrs** on **29.06.2022** onwards in the website: **www.apeprocurement.gov.in**

Contact No. : 83329 99180 & 83329 99985 — CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER/PROJECTS

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.
Regd. Office:- PSEB H.O. Building, The Mall, Patiala
Corporate Identification Number (CIN): U40109PB2010SGC033813
Contact No. 96461-18773

Tender Enquiry No. : QQ-1316/PQ-C&S

Chief Purchase Officer / MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, Multistory Building, The Mall, Patiala, invites E-Tender for supply of ISI marked, Three Core, 11kV, stranded Aluminum Conductor, XLPE insulated PVC sheathed, screened, armoured cable as per IS: 7098 (Part-2):2011 as per PSPCL specification No. QQ-1316.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. inform 28.06.2022 onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

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OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (PPP) P.W.D., RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR

No. F.7(566)/SHA/PPP/WB/2020-21/D-468 — Date: 22.06.2022

Short Term NIT No. 12/2022-23

INVITATION OF RFP FOR TOLL COLLECTION

Bids for Toll Collection for Jodhpur- Marwar Jn.- Jojawar Highway (SH-61 & 61A) (Km 0.00 to km. 119.100) are invited from the interest bidders upto 11:30 AM on 28.06.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. The approximate value of procurement is Rs. 8.01 Crores.

UBN no: (PWD2223SLOB02860)

Addl. Chief Engineer (PPP)
DIPR/C/8576 — PWD Rajasthan, Jaipur

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM DIVISION — ELECTRICAL / WORKS

E- Tender Notice No.: V-EG-0T-04 2022- 2023 Dt. 21.06.2022
Name of work: 1) Trivandrum Division: Creation of basic carriage & wagon maintenance. 2) Trivandrum Division: Augmentation of welding facilities for rolling stock — Electrical arrangement. 3) Trivandrum Division: Augmentation of infrastructure in Kochuveli for maintenance of LHB coaches. 4) Trivandrum Division: Replacement of over aged and obsolete interlocking arrangements with electronic interlocking at Ochira, Karunagappally, Sasthamkotta, Perinad and building for IBS hut (Quilon, Perinad & Perinad-Sasthamkotta) & Kumbalam, Thuravur, Cherthala, Mararikulam & Alappuzha (5 stations) ERS-ALLP-KYJ section in TVC Division — Electrical arrangement. **Value:** (1) Rs. 23663711/- (2) Rs.7425121/- (3)Rs.19615551/-(4)Rs.7776889/-.
Bid security: (1) Rs.268300/- (2)Rs.148500/-(3)Rs.248100/- (4)Rs.155500/- **Tender closing date & time: 14.07.2022. at 14.00hrs.**

E-Tender Notice No.: V-EG-0T-05-2022-2023 Dt. 22.06.2022.
Name of work: Trivandrum Division: Proposed platform shelter at Changanacheri (6 bays) — Electrical arrangement. **Value** : Rs.525736/-
Bid security: Rs.10500/-
Tender closing date & time: 15.07.2022. at 14.00hrs

Complete details & tender document will be available at **www.ireps.gov.in**

Sr. DEE/G/TVC

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
TENDER NOTICE No: 02-DYCE-CN-III-MDU-2022 dated 22.06.2022

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction-III, Southern Railway, Arasaradi, Madurai – 625016 invites e-tender for the work as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The Tenderer(s)/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The cost of the tender and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available in the website by the way of multiple bank's net-banking, debit card and credit.
Tender No. & Date : 02-DYCE-CN-III-MDU-2022 dated 23.06.2022
Name of work : Proposed New BG line between Madurai and Tuticorin via Arupukottai: Milavittan and Melmarudur Section: Proposed miscellaneous works in between MILAVITTAN and MELMARUDUR STATION.
Approximate cost of the work : Rs.3,25,000,28,94/-
Cost of Tender Form : Rs. 0.00
Earnest Money to be deposited : Rs.3,12,500/-
Completion period of work : Twelve (12) months
Closing date and Time of tender through IREPS web portal : 11.00 Hours of 15.07.2022
Date and Time of tender opening through IREPS web portal : at 11.30 Hours on 15.07.2022
Website particulars: **www.ireps.gov.in**
Notice board where particulars details can be obtained : Office of the Deputy Engineer, Construction III, Arasaradi, Madurai – 16.
Note : The Detailed terms and conditions and other details have already been uploaded in the website **(www.ireps.gov.in). The Tender is subject to GST rules applicable from time to time.**

Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction – III Madurai – 625 016.For and on behalf of the President of India

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION)
E-TENDER NOTICE
No. T-SG-36-I-5-6-2022-2023
Dt. 23.06.2022

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli invites online tender on behalf of The President of India, for the following works up to 14.00 hrs on **19.07.2022**

1) Tender Notice No: T-SG-36-I-5-2022-2023
Name of the work: Cleaning and Lubrication of Interlocked Point Chairs over Tiruchchirappalli Division
Cash Value in Lakhs of Rupees: Rs.118.42 Lakhs
Earnest Money Deposit Amt: Rs.2,09,200/-
Period of Completion In Months: Twelve Months
Validity Offer: 60 Days
Closing date and time: 19.07.2022 @ 14.00 Hrs

2) Tender Notice No: T-SG-36-I-6-2022-2023
Name of the work: Signalling of work in connection with provision of sick line for 30m daily extending the over run line at Vadalur.
Cash Value in Lakhs of Rupees: Rs.4.34 Lakhs
Earnest Money Deposit Amt: Rs.8,700/-
Period of Completion In Months: Three Months.
Validity Offer: 60 Days
Closing date and time: 19.07.2022 @ 14.00 Hrs

If the date of opening of tenders happens to be a declared holiday at a later date, the tenders will be opened on the next working day day at the stipulated time.

The detailed Tender Notice, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to tender is issued can be accessed through **https://www.ireps.gov.in/**

GST will apply as per extent norms of GOI

Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, DRM of the complex Tiruchchirappalli, - 620001

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IN BRIEF

Will not arrest actor in 21 FIRs: Maharashtra to HC

MUMBAI

The Maharashtra Government on Monday told the Bombay High Court that it will not arrest Marathi actor Ketaki Chitale in all the 21 FIRs filed against her for allegedly sharing a defamatory post on social media against NCP president Sharad Pawar. Ms. Chitale was arrested on May 14 after an FIR was lodged at Kalwa police station and she was granted bail last week.

Satyendra Jain's custody extended by 14 days

NEW DELHI

A Special CBI Court here on Monday extended Delhi Health Minister Satyendra Jain's judicial custody by 14 days after he was produced before the judge through video conference from a city hospital, where he was admitted last week after his health deteriorated in jail. Mr. Jain was arrested on May 30 by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case related to an FIR that was registered by the CBI in 2017.

Filmmaker Avinash Das's anticipatory bail rejected

AHMEDABAD

The Gujarat High Court on Monday dismissed an application seeking anticipatory bail by filmmaker Avinash Das, who was booked for sharing a photo of Union Home Minister Amit Shah with an arrested IAS officer of Jharkhand, and a painting allegedly insulting the national flag, on social media platforms. The court also rejected his submission to offer an "unconditional apology".

Sangli suicide case: two held for poisoning family

PUNE

Investigations into the death of nine members of the family of two brothers in Maharashtra's Sangli district, which was earlier suspected to be a case of suicide pact due to harassment by money lenders, revealed that the deceased, including four children, were allegedly poisoned to death by a *tantrik* and his accomplice both of whom are arrested, police said on Monday. PTI

NCB seizes 286 kg of ganja worth ₹3.5 crore

MUMBAI

The Narcotics Control Bureau zonal unit here on Monday claimed to have busted an inter-state drug racket and seized 286 kg of high grade ganja worth ₹3.5 crore from traffickers moving in a car on the Solapur-Mumbai highway. Two persons were arrested following the anti-drugs operation carried out on the intervening night of Sunday-Monday, an NCB official said. The NCB had received inputs about a drug trafficking syndicate planning transportation of a huge drug consignment to Mumbai. PTI

India's gig workforce to reach 2.35 crore by 2030: NITI Aayog

Social security, work accident insurance among the recommendations

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

The government's policy think tank NITI Aayog has recommended that measures should be taken to provide social security, including paid leave, occupational disease and work accident insurance, support during irregularity of work and pension plans for the gig workforce in the country, which is expected to grow to 2.35 crore by 2029-30.

According to the study released by NITI Aayog on Monday, the number of workers engaged in the gig economy is estimated to be 77 lakh in 2020-21.

"India requires a framework that balances the flexibility offered by platforms while also ensuring social security of workers. The consequent platformisation of work has given rise to a new classification of labour – platform labour – falling outside of the purview of the traditional dichotomy of formal and informal labour," the study states.

The number of workers engaged in the gig economy is estimated to be 77 lakh in 2020-21. • K. PICHUMANI

It added that platform workers are termed as "independent contractors" and as a result, they cannot access many aspects of workplace protection, and entitlements.

The report classifies gig workers – those engaged in livelihoods outside the traditional employer-employee arrangement – into platform and non-platform-based workers. While platform workers are those whose work is based on online software applications or digital platforms, non-platform gig workers are generally casual wage workers and own-account workers in the conventional sectors, working part-time or full time.

The report notes that at present about 47% of gig work is in medium skilled jobs, about 22% in high skilled, and about 31% in low skilled jobs, and the trend shows the concentration of workers in medium skills is gradually declining and that of the low skilled and high skilled is increasing.

While in 2020-21, the gig workforce constituted 2.6% of the non-agricultural workforce or 1.5% of the total workforce in India, by 2029-30, gig workers are expected to form 6.7% of the non-agricultural workforce or 4.1% of the total livelihood workforce in India, the study added.

The think tank has also recommended introducing a 'Platform India initiative' on the lines of the 'Startup India initiative', built on the pillars of accelerating platformisation by simplification and handholding, funding support and incentives, skill development, and social financial inclusion. It has suggested that self-employed individuals engaged in the business of selling regional and rural cuisine, street food, etc., may also be linked to platforms so that they can sell their produce to wider markets in towns and cities.

Sikar in Rajasthan tops school grading index at district level

Assessment was based on 83 indicators in 6 categories

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Rajasthan's Sikar is the top performer, followed by Jhunjhunu and Jaipur in the Union government's index for performance of school education system at the district level.

The Ministry of Education's Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D) for 2019 released on Monday studied 83 indicators grouped in six categories. These categories are outcomes, effective classroom transaction, infrastructure facilities and student's entitlements, school safety and child protection, digital learning and governance process.

The three districts have figured in the 'Utkarsh' category (scoring 81-90% on a scale of 100) with Jhunjhunu scoring the maximum (236 out of 290) in learning outcomes.

Also, in the second grade 'Ati-uttam', Rajasthan is significantly ahead of the second and third top States with 24 of its districts in this category.

Eight districts improved their PGI score by more than 20%.

The PGI-D grades the districts into 10 grades with the highest achievable grade being 'Daksh', which is for districts scoring more than 90% of the total points in that category or overall.

'Utkarsh' category is for districts with score between 81-90%, followed by 'Ati-Uttam' (71-80%), 'Uttam' (61-70%), 'Prachesta-I' (51-60%), 'Prachesta-II' (41-50%) and 'Pracheshta III' (31-40%).

The lowest grade in PGI-D is called 'Akanshi-3' which is for scores up to 10% of the total points.

The other States whose districts have performed best in the latest index released by the Ministry of Education (MoE) on Monday are Punjab with 14 districts in 'Ati-uttam' grade (scoring 71-80% on a scale of 100), followed by Gujarat and Kerala with each having 13 districts in this category.

However, there are 12 States and Union Territories which do not have even a single district in the 'Ati-uttam' and 'Uttam' categories and these include seven of the eight States from the North East region.

The report states that since none of the States have districts in the top category, there was a need for further improvement in the years to come. Overall, eight districts improved their PGI score by more than 20% and 14 districts improved their PGI score by more than 10%.

Two militants killed in Kulgam encounter: police

BSF shoots intruder in Jammu

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Two militants were killed in an anti-militancy operation in south Kashmir's Kulgam, while one Pakistani intruder was killed near the border in Jammu's R.S. Pora on Monday.

The police identified the slain militants as Zubair Ahmad Mir and Idrees Ahmad Dar from Qaimoh and Kulpora in Kulgam. As per police records, both the terrorists were categorised and involved in several terror crime cases, including attacks on security forces, the police said. "Mir was active since August, 2021, and was trying to revive the terror group," the police added.

Inspector-General of Police Vijay Kumar termed this operation as "as an important one because of the location of the encounter site". "It is very close to the national highway, which is a *yatra* route. The Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) has been issuing threats to *yatra*," IGP Kumar said.

Jawans returning from the encounter site in Kulgam. • NISSAR AHMAD

Earlier in the day, an intruder was shot dead by the Border Security Forces (BSF) near a border outpost in R.S. Pora in Jammu.

India, EU resume FTA negotiations

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India and the European Union (EU) on Monday resumed negotiations, after a gap of over eight years, for a comprehensive free trade agreement, a move aimed at strengthening economic ties between the two regions.

Senior officials from both the sides will hold discussions till July 1.

"India and the EU today kick-start Ist round of trade negotiations in #NewDelhi," Ugo Astuto, Ambassador of the EU to India and Bhutan, said in a tweet.

India had started negotiations for a trade pact with the EU in 2007, but the talks stalled in 2013 as both sides failed to reach an agreement on key issues.

Water challenge

Slow recovery: Villagers drive along an inundated road transporting a load of bamboo for house repairs in the flood-affected Morigaon district of Assam. • RITU RAJ KONWAR

HC dismisses petition by Adani Ports

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday dismissed the plea by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited challenging disqualification of its bid for upgrade of the container terminal in Navi Mumbai by the Board of Trustees of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA).

A division bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice M.S. Karnik rejected the plea as non-meritorious and directed the companies to pay ₹5 lakh to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority.

The Bench also refused Adani Ports's request to maintain status quo and not open bids till it sought relief before the Supreme Court.

India, Malaysia discuss defence ties

Both countries to upgrade HADR operations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

In a video conference with Malaysian Defence Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein on Monday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh highlighted the areas in which Indian defence industries could assist Malaysia.

"Mr. Singh suggested a visit of senior officers from Malaysia to India to get a first-hand experience of the facilities and products of Indian defence industry," the Defence Ministry said in a statement.

Stating that the Malaysian Minister expressed the need for inducting women personnel in peacekeeping missions, the Ministry said, "Both sides agreed to engage each other on this issue. It was also agreed to upgrade capability for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations."

Framework in place

The two Minister also discussed the existing defence cooperation activities and framework between the two countries, and ways to further enhance them under the existing Malaysia India Defence Cooperation Meeting (MIDCOM) framework.

The next MIDCOM is scheduled to be held in July, and it was decided to use this platform for a deeper engagement in defence, the Ministry said.

"A wide range of issues concerning bilateral, regional and defence industrial cooperation were discussed during the meeting. Both Ministers expressed the intent to further boost the already strong India-Malaysia defence cooperation," it added.

World Bank approves $250-mn loan to boost India's road safety

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The World Bank has approved a $250 million loan to support the Government of India's road safety programme for seven States under which a single accident reporting number will be set up to better manage post-crash events.

The India State Support Programme for Road Safety, financed by the World Bank, will be implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. The $250 million variable spread loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a maturity of 18 years, with a grace period of 5.5 years.

The project will also establish a national harmonised crash database system in order to analyse accidents and use that to construct better and safer roads. The project will also provide incentives to States to leverage private funding through public private partnership (PPP) concessions and pilot initiatives.

THE HINDU CROSSWORD + 13594

(set by WrdPlougher)

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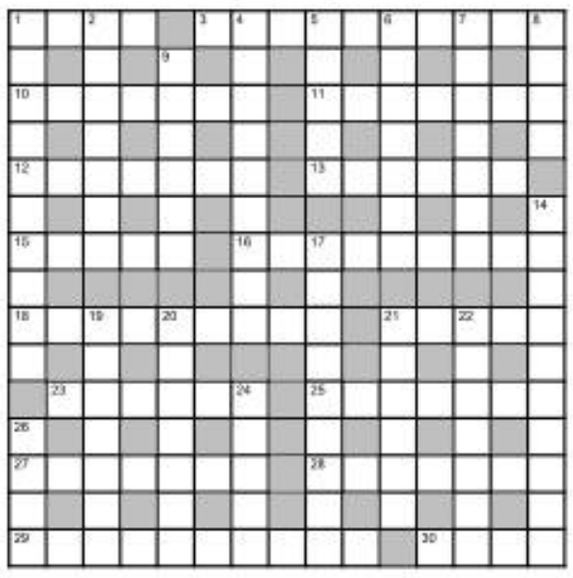

Across

1 Teaser displayed by small screens from Qatar to Zambia (4)
3 Busts protests run out of clubs (6,4)
10 At sea, a vast ark, endless divine interventions! (7)
11 Dutchman's pipe – long and oddly sharp (7)
12 Arch Bishop Tutu's term for South Africans? (7)
13 "Marvel!" Creator uttered, to contemplate space (6)
15 Goddess softly welcomed by Baroque hymn (5)
16 Notice hot timeless rapper losing head, attacking a person during argument (2,7)
18 Revealing new bespoke luxury brand owned by old Indian actor making comeback (3-6)
21 New intel briefly interrupts gangster and darling (5)
23 Gear manufactured by Kia Grand's factory, centrally located close to hub (3,3)
25 Maori dancing (all over Instagram) is art (7)
27 Provisional rent distributed between two months (7)
28 Former British PM never introduced his namesake counterpart at the Knesset? (7)
29 How a weatherman might get wind of mean meteor burst (10)
30 Sampling from tracks, bends old alternative western songs (4)

Down

1 21 shifts taken up as doctor? Getting close (10)
2 Director's second sublime short, some oddly visual poetry (7)
4 Dollar having collapsed, WHO briefly has to work through rough patch (9)
5 Chase former lover, appeal every now and then (5)
6 Ray altering names, some bits of Feludaa's essential character (7)
7 Hold back! Injured boatswain letting out cry of pain (7)
8 Printing mistake – transgression you pardon ordinarily when selecting beginners (4)
9 In the climax, manic Basha blowing up African citadel (6)
14 Mostly uses slime – if prepared, makes a kind of watery paint (10)
17 Dry ox hide spread as a base (9)
19 Shrill sound from street interrupting spell (7)
20 Queen taking bishop in mating attack primarily to advance check (7)
21 Evacuated any pair erupting in hives (6)
22 Divine being, having regularly saved cheat, in return gives permission (2-5)
24 One/two minutes into draining game, getting easy one (5)
26 Prima donna effortlessly streaking lady on a horse (4)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13593

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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5	7	6	9	8	3	1	4	2
3	4	9	1	2	7	8	6	5

FAITH

Drama scripted by Krishna

Rukmini, the only daughter of the King of Vidarbha, had five brothers. Rukmini wanted to wed Krishna. But her brothers wanted her to marry Sisupala. We can look at the five brothers as symbolic of our indriyas, and Rukmini as the jivatma wanting to reach the Supreme One, said V.S. Karunakarachariar, in a discourse. The indriyas always lead us towards attachment to material life, and Sisupala is symbolic of this material life. So, Rukmini's five brothers were leading her to a material life. But Rukmini was clear about her goal, namely, reaching the Supreme One. She was determined to spurn her brothers' ideas, and to reach Lord Krishna – the Paramatma.

The only way out for jivatmas is to seek an Acharya, who will help us cross the ocean of samsara. Rukmini, too, in order to attain her goal, sought the help of a learned man. There was a Brahmin scholar who visited Vidarbha often, and Rukmini chose him to be her messenger to Krishna. She wrote a letter and asked the Brahmin to take it to Krishna. Just as an Acharya makes representations to Bhagavan on our behalf, so did this Brahmin act on behalf of Rukmini, by taking her letter to Krishna. The Lord's avataras were all dramas which He scripted and enacted, with the purpose of making us realise that moksha should be our goal. The end is to attain the Lord's feet and the means to that is also the Lord. But we need someone to guide us in the right direction. So we need a good Acharya to speak for us to the Lord.

In Krishna avatara, Rukmini shows us this by choosing a messenger who will act as the bridge between her and Lord Krishna. We tend to be inattentive when we are given advice but a story helps us remember important lessons. That is why Krishna gave us messages through dramatic stories.

MARKET WATCH

	27-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	53,161	0.82
US Dollar	78.37	-0.05
Gold	50,822	0.52
Brent oil	114.78	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	687.75	1.35
Apollo Hosp	3794.50	-43.90
Asian Paints	2820.95	60.05
Axis Bank	637.10	3.10
Bajaj Auto	3861.20	47.85
Bajaj Finserv	11595.15	12.20
Bajaj Finance	5641.20	53.45
Bharti Airtel	683.95	12.75
BPCL	315.00	7.45
Britannia Ind	3459.10	-10.25
Cipla	932.35	-1.35
Coal India	182.05	5.50
Divis Lab	3673.45	-7.55
Dr Reddys Lab	4120.55	10.90
Eicher Motors	2848.30	-29.60
Grasim Ind	1349.30	26.05
HCL Tech	992.35	25.65
HDFC	2194.45	5.45
HDFC Bank	1356.25	2.45
HDFC Life	558.00	-3.45
Hero MotoCorp	2755.50	-4.45
Hindalco	329.95	7.65
Hind Unilever	2320.65	16.75
ICICI Bank	717.35	3.90
Indusind Bank	823.50	17.00
Infosys	1474.60	33.50
ITC	269.95	4.10
JSW Steel	571.65	3.85
Kotak Bank	1691.55	-6.85
L&T	1535.80	40.95
M&M	1082.70	10.65
Maruti Suzuki	8448.75	85.55
Nestle India Ltd.	17358.25	126.60
NTPC	138.50	1.90
ONGC	141.50	4.15
PowerGrid Corp	211.55	2.60
Reliance Ind	2492.65	-7.40
SBI Life	1084.55	6.00
State Bank	461.20	6.95
Shree Cement	19101.50	307.85
Sun Pharma	835.65	11.05
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	729.40	0.40
Tata Motors	414.50	5.20
Tata Steel	867.85	15.00
TCS	3314.70	21.60
Tech Mahindra	1007.20	26.00
Titan	2040.30	-5.30
UltraTech Cement	5560.25	91.95
UPL	657.10	16.25
Wipro	424.90	6.35

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 27

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	78.14	78.46
Euro	82.70	83.05
British Pound	95.90	96.30
Japanese Yen (100)	57.78	58.02
Chinese Yuan	11.68	11.73
Swiss Franc	81.54	81.87
Singapore Dollar	56.43	56.67
Canadian Dollar	60.62	60.87
Malaysian Ringgit	17.73	17.82
Australian Dollar	54.17	54.39

Source:Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

M&M unveils new Scorpio-N at ₹11.99 lakh

MUMBAI

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) on Monday virtually unveiled the all-new Scorpio-N, built on the legacy of its Scorpio SUV, at ₹11.99 lakh. The vehicle, in petrol and diesel variants, will be available for test drives from July 5 in 30 cities and July 15 in the rest of the country, the company said.

Bajaj Auto to buy back shares up to ₹2,500 cr.

NEW DELHI

Bajaj Auto on Monday said its board had approved a share buy-back programme for an aggregate amount of up to ₹2,500 crore. The board of directors, at its meeting, approved the proposal for buy-back of fully paid-up equity shares of the company with a face value of ₹10 each from existing shareholders, except promoters and promoter group, from the open market on the stock exchanges, Bajaj Auto said in a regulatory filing. PTI

Mufin plans to roll out prepaid wallets, cards

MUMBAI

Mufin Finance Ltd., a subsidiary of Hindon Mercantile Ltd., said it will offer semi-closed prepaid payment instruments (PPI) to customers in India. The RBI recently gave an in-principle authorisation to NBFC Hindon Merchantile for issuance of semi-closed prepaid payment instruments. Mufin would use the permission to unveil MufinPay, a digital payment solution that would complement the firm's lending business.

Standard Chartered's Solv raises ₹300 crore

BENGALURU

Solv, a B2B digital marketplace for MSMEs, also a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Chartered, has raised ₹300 crore in a funding round led by SBI Holdings (Japan) with participation from SC Ventures, an early-stage investor of Solv. With this, Solv's total funding has gone up to $80 million, the firm said. CEO Amit Bansal said the investment would help the firm become a dominant player in the business.

'Centre may raise small savings rates'

Economists cite rising G-Sec yields — to which such rates are linked — as reason for optimism

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

Households could get some relief this week as economists expect the Centre to raise the interest rates paid on small savings schemes for the July to September 2022 quarter, with the yields on 10-year government securities hitting a four-year high of 7.6% earlier this month.

The rates of interest on instruments like the Public Provident Fund and the National Savings Certificate, currently at 7.1% and 6.8%, respectively, have not been changed for eight quarters since a reduction was effected in the first quarter of FY21. Retail inflation too had hovered above 7% in April and May, squeezing household budgets. Raising rates on small savings could also help the government reduce its reliance on market borrowings this year.

Eager anticipation: The Centre will announce rates for small savings instruments for the next quarter on June 30. •PTI

'Deposit rates rising'

"There are chances of small savings rate being increased in upcoming review for July-September, in line with the higher policy repo rate," CARE Ratings chief economist Rajani Sinha told *The Hindu*, noting that banks had also started revising deposit rates upwards. The government will announce the rates for the next quarter on June 30. "While the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has hiked the policy interest rate by 90 basis points (bps) in the last two meetings, we expect further increase of at least 100 bps increase in FY23. This implies that yields on government securities (G-Secs) will continue to increase in the next few months," Ms. Sinha said. One basis point is equal to 0.01%.

Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA, said she too expected interest rates on small savings instruments to be raised, given the sharp rise in the G-Sec yields of various maturities, to which such rates are linked.

"In view of the increase in the G-Sec yields in recent months, the excess of the announced interest rates on SSIs over the respective formula-based rates moderated to 9-118 bps for Q1: 2022-23 from 42-168 bps in Q4 2021-22," the RBI had noted in April. The average G-Sec yield, based on which the quarterly rate on the 15-year PPF is pegged, was 6.76% between December 2021 and February 2022, resulting in a formula-based rate of 7.01% for the April to June quarter.

The 7.10% for the quarter was thus nine bps higher than the formula then.

"The average month-end G-Sec yields for one-year, two-year and five-year bonds have increased substantially to 5.26%, 5.65% and 6.79%, respectively, between March and May 2022, from 3.88%, 4.72% and 6%, respectively, in the previous three months," Ms. Nayar pointed out. On June 24, yields on 10-year G-Secs stood at 7.44%.

Rupee tests fresh low on outflow of foreign funds

BSE Sensex, NSE Nifty 50 rise 0.8%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Currency may see support at 78.50. A breach may pave the way for rupee to slip to 79.20

The rupee on Monday tested a fresh record low of 78.43 amid outflow of foreign funds and other factors, according to analysts.

The rupee finally closed at 78.37 against the dollar on Monday. "The currency has drifted on the downward trajectory despite the softness seen in the greenback, as domestic equity indices erased much of the early session gains," said Sugandha Sachdeva, VP, Commodity & Currency Research, Religare Broking.

"Besides, India's forex reserves have witnessed a fall for the third consecutive week to $590.59 billion as the RBI is stepping up its intervention in the forex markets to curb the steep decline in the Indian rupee."

"We reckon that the 78.50 mark will provide near-term support to the rupee-dollar exchange rate, while a decisive breach of the same shall pave the way for further depreciation towards the 79.20 mark in the coming days," she said.

However, key equity benchmark indices surged almost 1%, led by IT stocks. The S&P BSE Sensex gained 433.30 points, or 0.82%, to 53,161.28. The NSE Nifty 50 index gained 132.80 points, or 0.85%, to 15,832.05.

Need star rating for trucks too: DICV's Arya

MD urges road map to end fatalities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Commercial vehicles such as trucks too should be part of the Centre's scheme for crash-linked safety performance star rating system, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles (DICV) CEO and MD Satyakam Arya said on Monday.

"Why not include commercial vehicles in Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Programme)? Are truck drivers not entitled to safer roads?" asked Mr. Arya at Safety Pioneer's Conference organised by Intel India.

Satyakam Arya

He said a safety road map for commercial vehicles was needed with the goal of zero fatalities in the first step and zero accidents in the next.

Last week, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways had issued a draft notification on Bharat NCAP under which passenger vehicles with up to eight seats would be given zero to five stars following their performance in a crash test, to allow buyers to make a decision based on safety. The programme will take effect in April 2023.

Russia rebuts external debt default claim

REUTERS

Russia rejected claims on Monday that it had defaulted on its external debt for the first time in more than a century, telling investors to go to Western financial agents for the cash which was sent but which bondholders did not receive.

"Statements of a default are absolutely unjustified," Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told a call with reporters on Monday, pointing to the May forex coupon payment.

"The fact that Euroclear withheld this money and did not bring it to the recipients is not our problem. There are absolutely no grounds to call such situation a default." Euroclear did not respond to a request for comment.

GST panel may discuss States' compensation, e-com norms

28% tax for online games, casinos, horse racing may get nod

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The GST Council in its two-day meeting starting Tuesday is slated to discuss an array of issues, including a mechanism for compensating States for revenue loss, tax rate tweaks in some items and relaxed registration norms for small online suppliers.

Further, the Council, chaired by the Union Finance Minister and comprising State counterparts, will also clear levying the highest tax rate of 28% on online games, casinos and horse racing.

The GST Council will also consider a report of the panel of State ministers on rate rationalisation, which is likely to recommend correcting the inverted duty structure and removing some items from the exempted list, would also be taken up. The Council may see a stormy discussion around compensation to States with opposition-ruled States aggressively pushing for its continuation beyond the five-year period which ends in June.

The panel is also likely to relax compulsory registration norms for small businesses with annual turnover of up to ₹40 lakh and ₹20 lakh for goods and services respectively, using e-commerce platforms to sell products.

making the e-way bill mandatory for intra-State movement of gold/ precious stones worth ₹2 lakh and above and e-invoicing mandatory for all taxpayers supplying gold/precious stones and having annual aggregate turnover above ₹20 crore.

Besides, an interim report of a group of Ministers on

Implement labour codes in phases: ISF

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

The Centre has to implement the labour codes one by one, section-wise or in a phased manner for the improvement of the employment scenario in the country, said the Indian Staffing Federation (ISF), the apex body for staffing firms.

Though the codes are set to take effect on July 1, ISF said there had been 'no further movement' on the same by the Centre. "Our appeal to the government is to implement the codes one by one or section-wise, rather than not moving at all. The roll-out in a phased manner will create the pathway for more codes and sections to be introduced," said ISF president Lohit Bhatia.

'Persistent inflation may hit demand'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The current operating environment remained highly volatile and persistent inflation would likely impact demand across categories, Tata Consumer Products Ltd. chairman N. Chandrasekaran said.

To navigate through these "short-term bumps" in an uncertain environment, the company will focus on strong execution, maintaining agility and nimbleness," he said while addressing shareholders at the company's annual general meeting.

"Geopolitical tensions, supply-chain challenges, and demand-supply mismatches in crude and several other commodities are driving persistent inflation, which will likely impact demand across categories."

TVS Motor 'cautiously optimistic' about FY23

Scooter sales to grow: chairman Speth

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

TVS Motor Company said it was 'cautiously optimistic' about the business outlook for the FY23, chairman Ralf Dieter Speth said.

Addressing the shareholders of the company at the 30th AGM, he said TVS had posted the highest-ever turnover and profit in FY22 while achieving one million in two-wheeler sales.

Going forward, the company said, it could sustain the momentum given the normal monsoon, improved consumer sentiment, government spending in infrastructure and PLI and FAME-II initiatives of the government.

However, companies might face headwinds due to geopolitical issues, climate change, supply-chain constraints on account of the semiconductor shortage and the 'super cycle' of increase in commodity prices, among others.

Stating that the firm had planned a series of product introductions in FY23 catering to different customer segments, he said scooter sales would grow amid demand from students and working women. New premium bikes would further boost sales. Exports were also likely to see growth.

TTK to tap ₹9,500-crore modular kitchen market

Firm to raise stake in Ultrafresh to 51%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Kitchen appliances manufacturer TTK Prestige announced its foray into India's ₹9,500 crore modular kitchen market by entering into a strategic partnership with Chandigarh-based modular kitchen firm Ultrafresh Modular Solutions.

The partnership would make TTK Prestige a player equipped to offer kitchen appliances as well as modular kitchen solutions under one roof, company officials told the media.

Under the partnership, TTK Prestige would acquire up to 51% stake, valued at ₹30 crore, in Ultrafresh Modular Solutions by the end of the current fiscal year. "TTK has already acquired a strategic stake of over 40% in Ultrafresh," said Chandru Kalro, MD, TTK Prestige. "This will go up to 51% by the end of the fiscal and Ultrafresh will become a subsidiary of TTK Prestige."

"The modular kitchen market is estimated to grow at a CAGR of 20% in 2021-2026 and reach ₹23,000 crore in the next five years," said TTK Prestige chairman T.T. Jagannathan.

SEBI warns Aurobindo on U.S. FDA audit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued a warning letter to Aurobindo Pharma for disclosing "very limited and restricted information" about an USFDA audit of the company's active pharmaceutical ingredients manufacturing facility (API) in Hyderabad.

"The only fact disclosed was that a warning letter was received from U.S. FDA. The company did not disclose details on the reason and the non-compliance/aberration observed," the June 24 letter from the regulatory watchdog said, holding that the disclosure was not in line with principles governing disclosures and obligations of listed entities.

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E-Tender ID:2022_KSEB_496410_1 PAC:Rs.6,96,35,467/- Last date: 20.07.2022 3.30pm
O/o the Chief Engineer,Transmission (North),Kozhikode
E-Tender ID:2022_KSEB_496470_1 PAC-Rs.3,40,00,000/- Last date 05.07.2022 03.00pm
O/o the Executive Engineer,Transmission Division,Thiruvananthapuram
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G7 vows support for Kyiv 'as long as it takes'

Zelensky urges leaders to help end the war before winter sets in, seeks further sanctions on Russia

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ELMAU CASTLE

The Group of Seven most industrialised countries vowed enduring support for Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression, in a statement from its summit in southern Germany on Monday.

"We will continue to provide financial, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support and stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes," the G7 said.

After speaking with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky for nearly two hours by video-link from Kyiv, G7 leaders issued a forceful message of solidarity with the embattled nation.

"As G7 we stand united on Ukraine's side and will continue our support. For this, we all have to take tough but necessary decisions," the summit's host, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz tweeted, thanking Mr. Zelensky for taking part.

Rescue workers trying to douse the blaze at a shopping mall hit by a Russian missile in Kremenchuk on Monday. • REUTERS

"We will continue to increase pressure on Putin. This war has to come to an end."

'Food passage'

Addressing Russia, the G7 said Moscow must allow grain shipments to leave Ukraine to avoid exacerbating a global food crisis.

"We urgently call on Russia to cease, without condition, its attacks on agricultural and transport infrastructure and enable free passage of agricultural shipping from Ukrainian ports in the Black Sea," it said.

The leaders also called for Moscow to allow Ukrainians taken to Russia against their will to return home at once.

"We demand that Russia immediately allow the safe return of Ukrainian nationals taken often with force to Russia without their consent," they said.

The club of rich nations expressed "serious concern" over Russia's plans to deliver missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads to Belarus.

Mr. Zelensky urged leaders to help end the war before winter sets in and conditions for his troops become tougher.

He also stressed the need to keep heaping "heavy" punitive action on Russia.

'Missile strike on mall kills 10'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KYIV

A Russian missile strike on a crowded mall in the central Ukrainian city of Kremenchuk killed at least 10 people and injured more than 40 on Monday, a regional Governor said.

"Ten dead and more than 40 people have been injured," said Dmytro Lunin, the Governor of the Poltava region in Kremenchuk.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said "over a thousand civilians" were in the mall when the missiles struck the city.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres's office condemned the Russian attack as "totally deplorable".

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the "world was horrified by the attack".

NATO to raise response force from 40,000 to 3 lakh troops

Its new strategic concept to focus on Russia and China

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BRUSSELS

NATO will increase the strength of its rapid reaction force nearly eightfold to 3,00,000 troops as part of its response to an "era of strategic competition," the military alliance's secretary-general said Monday.

The NATO reaction force currently numbers around 40,000 soldiers which can deploy quickly when needed.

Coupled with other measures including the deployment of forces to defend specific allies, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the move is part of the "biggest overhaul of collective defence and deterrence since the Cold War."

Mr. Stoltenberg made the remarks at a press conference ahead of a NATO summit later this week in Madrid when the 30 allies are expected to also agree on further support to Ukraine in its war against Russia.

Jens Stoltenberg

Mr. Stoltenberg said he expects allies to make clear they consider Russia "as the most significant and direct threat to our security."

In NATO's new strategic concept, the alliance is also expected to address for the first time the security challenges posed by China, Mr. Stoltenberg said. In Madrid, allies will discuss how to respond to the growing influence of Russia and China in their "southern neighborhood," he added.

Mr. Stoltenberg said allies will agree to deliver further military support to Ukraine when they convene in Spain, with NATO members set to adopt a "strengthened comprehensive assistance package," including deliveries of secure communication and anti-drone systems.

Over the long term, Mr. Stoltenberg said allies aim to help Ukraine transition from Soviet-era armaments to modern NATO equipment.

Another central theme at the NATO summit will be the possibility for Finland and Sweden to join the alliance .

U.K. presses on with Brexit rules rewrite

The law would remove checks on goods entering N. Ireland from the rest of U.K.

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

Britain is ramping up a feud with the European Union by pressing on with a plan to rip up parts of the post-Brexit trade deal it signed with the bloc.

Legislation that rewrites trade rules for Northern Ireland is scheduled to get its first major House of Commons debate on Monday, the first step on what could be a rocky journey through Parliament.

The legislation, if approved by lawmakers, would remove checks on goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K., thereby scrapping parts of a trade treaty that Prime Minister Boris Johnson signed before Britain left the EU in 2020.

Mr. Johnson said he thought the plan could be approved "fairly rapidly" if Parliament cooperates, and that the measures could become law by the end of the year.

'Businesses burdened'

"What we are trying to do is fix something that I think is very important to our country, which is the balance of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement," Mr. Johnson told reporters at the Group of Seven summit in Germany.

The British government says the rules are burdening businesses and undermining peace in Northern Ireland. It argues the unilateral move is justified under international law because of the "genuinely exceptional situation."

Northern Ireland Secretary Brandon Lewis said on Sunday that the aim was to "fix," rather than throw out, the trade agreement, known as the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Mr. Johnson's opponents, however, say the move is illegal and will shred Britain's international reputation. It is also causing concern among some of the prime minister's fellow Conservatives, already worried about Johnson's judgment – and popularity – following a series of ethics scandals and two special election defeats.

EU slams move

The European Union has threatened to retaliate against the U.K. if it goes ahead with its plan to rewrite the rules of the post-Brexit deal, raising the specter of a trade war between the two major economic partners.

Irish Foreign Affairs Minister Simon Coveney said he was "hugely disappointed" that the U.K. government is still pursuing its "unlawful" approach to the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Iran, U.S. set to resume nuclear talks

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TEHRAN

Iran and the U.S. plan to resume indirect talks this week in Qatar, in a fresh bid to revive the landmark 2015 nuclear deal, both sides said on Monday.

The talks will be separate from broader EU-mediated negotiations in Vienna between Iran and major powers, the bloc's top diplomat Josep Borrell.

U.S. President Joe Biden's administration has sought to return to the deal, saying it would be the best path ahead with the Islamic republic, although it has voiced growing pessimism in recent weeks.

Indian-origin man gunned down in U.S.

Second fatal attack in recent days

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW YORK

A 31-year-old Indian-origin man was shot dead while sitting in a parked SUV down the street from his home in New York, according to media reports, days after an Indian national was killed after sustaining an apparent gunshot wound to his head in Maryland.

Satnam Singh was found sitting in the car at around 3:46 p.m. on Saturday in the South Ozone Park section of Queens with gunshot wounds in his neck and torso, the *New York Post* newspaper reported, quoting New York Police Department as saying.

Mr. Singh was sitting in the vehicle borrowed from a friend when a gunman approached and started shooting, *New York Daily News* reported.

Mr. Singh was rushed to Jamaica Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead.

Although police said the gunman approached Mr. Singh on foot, neighbours said the shots came from a silver-coloured sedan with a black trunk as it passed the parked vehicle.

The shooting was caught on a resident's security camera.

Gas leak in Jordan kills 10, injures 250

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AMMAN

A poisonous gas leak in Jordan's southern port city of Aqaba on Monday killed at least 10 people and injured some 250, authorities said.

Video carried by state-run media outlets showed a crane hoisting a large tanker from a truck and then dropping it on the deck of a ship, causing an explosion of yellow smoke and sending dock workers racing away.

The Public Security Directorate said a gas tank sprung a leak while being transported. It did not identify the contents of the tanker.

SPORT

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The Championships 2022: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3.30 p.m. onwards
West Indies vs Bangladesh: 2nd Test, day 5, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.
Ireland vs India: 2nd T20I, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 9 p.m.

Cech leaving Chelsea advisory role

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

Former Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech will leave his role as technical and performance adviser at the Premier League club this week.

Cech's departure was announced Monday in the latest change under Chelsea's new ownership, which recently said sporting director Marina Granovskaia is also moving on.

"With the club under new ownership, I feel now is the right time for me to step aside," said Cech, who spent 11 seasons as a player at Stamford Bridge before taking the advisory role in 2019. I am pleased that the club is now in an excellent position with the new owners, and I am confident of its future success both on and off the pitch."

Todd Boehly, the American businessman who fronted the purchase of the club, said Cech is "important member of the Chelsea family" and "we wish him the best".

Cech. • GETTY IMAGES

England completes sweep

Buccaneering Bairstow and Root seal it in style

NZ IN ENGLAND

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LEEDS

Jonny Bairstow led England to a whitewash of Test world champion New Zealand with a stunning fifty on his Headingley home ground on Monday.

Bairstow made a blistering 71, including England's second quickest Test fifty of all time (30 balls), to follow a stunning 162 that helped revive the host from a first-innings collapse (55 for six).

Only outstanding all-rounder Ian Botham, with a 28-ball half-century against India at Delhi in 1981, had made a quicker Test fifty for England.

Winning stand

Former captain Joe Root, largely reduced to the role of a spectator by Bairstow, was 86 not out after sharing a partnership of 111 with his Yorkshire teammate, having started the day on 55

England, chasing a target of 296 for victory, finished on 296 for three to complete a 3-0 series clean sweep in their first campaign under new captain Ben Stokes and red-ball coach Brendon McCullum, a former New Zealand captain.

Rain washed out the morning session to leave England, 183 for two overnight, with a nominal 78 overs in which to score the remaining 113 runs it needed for victory.

But it took just 15.2 overs, scoring at a rapid rate of 7.43 an over, with Bairstow sealing victory in storybook style with a six off spinner Michael Bracewell.

Ollie Pope, 81 not out overnight, fell to the fifth ball of the day when bowled by a Tim Southee off-cutter to end a sparkling stand of 134 with Root.

Job done! Bairstow hoists Bracewell for a six to close out the third Test • GETTY IMAGES

SCOREBOARD

New Zealand — 1st innings: 329.

England — 1st innings: 360.

New Zealand — 2nd innings: Tom Latham c Bairstow b Overton 76, Will Young c Pope b Potts 8, Kane Williamson c Bairstow b Potts 48, Devon Conway c Pope b Root 11, Henry Nicholls c & b Leach 7, Daryl Mitchell lbw b Potts 56, Tom Blundell (not out) 88, Michael Bracewell c Crawley b Leach 9, Tim Southee b Leach 2, Neil Wagner c Billings b Leach 0, Trent Boult b Leach 4; Extras (b-9, lb-2, nb-2, w-4): 17; Total (in 105.2 overs): 326.

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-125, 3-152, 4-153, 5-161, 6-274, 7-291, 8-305, 9-305.

England bowling: Broad 24-7-63-0, Leach 32.2-12-66-5, Potts 25-5-66-3, Overton 14-2-61-1, Stokes 4-0-30-0, Root 6-0-29-1

England — 2nd innings: Alex Lees run out 9, Zak Crawley c Williamson b Bracewell 25, Ollie Pope b Southee 82, Joe Root (not out) 86, Jonny Bairstow (not out) 71; Extras (b-9, lb-12, nb-2): 23; Total (for three wkts. in 54.2 overs): 296.

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-51, 3-185.

New Zealand bowling: Boult 12-2-65-0, Southee 19-5-68-1, Bracewell 15.2-0-109-1, Wagner 8-2-33-0

England won by seven wkts. to win series 3-0.

Player-of-the-match: *Leach;* **England player-of-the-series:** *Root;* **NZ player-of-the-series:** *Mitchell.*

Morgan likely to hang up his boots today

Buttler set to replace him as England skipper for white-ball series against India

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LEEDS

England's World Cup-winning skipper Eoin Morgan is set to announce his retirement from international cricket on Tuesday after a career spanning 16 years during which he amassed over 10,000 runs across ODIs and T20Is.

According to a report in Sky Sports, the 35-year-old Dublin-born Morgan wanted to lead England at this year's T20 World Cup in Australia but he had a change of heart after struggling with his form and fitness in the last 18 months.

Morgan captained England in the first two ODI games against the Netherlands this month but failed to open his account on both the occasion. He subsequently missed the third game due to a groin niggle.

Vice-captain Jos Buttler is likely to replace him as England skipper and the upcoming white-ball series against India could be his first assignment.

Morgan made his debut for Ireland in 2006 but then after three years he switched his alliance to England in 2009.

The elegant left-handed batter has so far scored 7,701 runs from 248 ODIs, after making his debut against Scotland.

He also featured in 115 T20 matches, amassing 2,458 runs.

Morgan also featured in 16 Tests but managed to score only 700 runs and played his last Test in 2012 against Pakistan.

However, Morgan's legacy will be defined by his seven and a half year rein as England's limited-over captain during which the team rose to the No. 1 position in the world rankings in both ODI and T20 cricket.

Morgan. • AFP

Sri Lanka looks to maintain the stranglehold

Injury-hit Australia will have its hands full as two-Test series begins tomorrow

AUSTRALIA IN SL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GALLE

Sri Lanka is looking to inflict more pain on injury-hit Australia when the first match of a two-Test series starts on what looks certain to be a turning wicket here on Wednesday.

Sri Lanka secured a stunning 3-2 victory in the One-Day International series last week and the hosts will counting on a bowling attack packed with spinners.

Captain Dimuth Karunaratne will lead a side bolstered by the addition of Jeffrey Vandersay to the spin brigade of Lasith Embuldeniya, Praveen Jayawickrama and Ramesh Mendis.

The hosts bowled more than 40 overs of spin in the fourth ODI to clinch the 50-over series, giving a glimpse of what the Australian batsmen can expect to face in the longer format.

Sri Lanka whitewashed Australia in a three-Test series on its last visit in 2016, but Karunaratne warned that the visitors would have done their homework this time.

Reinforcement: Vandersay, seen with Chamika Karunaratne, left, gets a Test call-up to bolster the spin attack. • AFP

Lyon's take

Australia's premier spinner Nathan Lyon said he expected the wicket to turn from day one.

Lyon is likely to be partnered by leg-spinner Mitchell Swepson.

Middle-order batsman Travis Head is battling to recover from a hamstring injury suffered in the ODIs, meaning a possible recall for explosive batting all-rounder Glenn Maxwell, who can bowl off-spin.

Maxwell has so often been a star of the white-ball side but he has played just seven Tests since his debut in 2013, with the last in Bangladesh almost five years ago.

Left-arm spinner Ashton Agar also remains doubtful, but Mitchell Starc and Steve Smith are both expected to be passed fit for the opener.

Led by Pat Cummins, Australia will take confidence into Galle, as it looks to avenge that 2016 drubbing, having won a three-Test series in Pakistan 1-0 earlier this year.

The squads (from):

Sri Lanka: Dimuth Karunaratne (Capt.), Pathum Nissanka, Oshada Fernando, Angelo Mathews, Kusal Mendis, Dhananjaya de Silva, Kamindu Mendis, Niroshan Dickwella, Dinesh Chandimal, Ramesh Mendis, Chamika Karunaratne, Kasun Rajitha, Vishwa Fernando, Asitha Fernando, Dilshan Madushanka, Praveen Jayawickrama, Lasith Embuldeniya and Jeffrey Vandersay.

Australia: Pat Cummins (Capt.), Ashton Agar, Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Mitchell Swepson and David Warner.

Men in Blue coast to seven-wicket win

Hooda stays the course as Ireland puts up a spirited fight in a rain-hit contest reduced to 12 overs

INDIA IN IRELAND

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MALAHIDE

India proved too strong for a spirited Ireland, winning the rain-hit opening Twenty20 International by seven wickets here on Sunday.

Harry Tector's counter-attacking 64 not out off 33 balls took Ireland to 108 for four after rain reduced the game to 12 overs a side.

Firm control: Chahal kept things tight with a miserly spell and the wicket of hard-hitter Tucker. • TWITTER/CRICKET IRELAND

Always ahead

India was always ahead of the run rate and with contributions from Ishan Kishan (26 off 11), Deepak Hooda (47 not out off 29) and skipper Hardik Pandya (24 off 12), cruised home in 9.2 overs.

The first over of India's chase went for 15 runs as Kishan collected a couple of fours and a six off Joshua Little. In a rather surprising move, Deepak Hooda opened in place of Ruturaj Gaikwad.

He found his rhythm after a scratchy start and put up a match-winning 64-run stand with Hardik. Just when it seemed Indian was running away with the match, Craig Young got rid of Kishan and Suryakumar Yadav (0) off successive deliveries.

Double blow

Kishan's stumps were rattled in another attempt to get a full ball out of the park. Returning to the side after an injury break, Suryakumar got a beauty first up that seamed back to trap him in front.

However, Hardik and Hooda kept going for their strokes and a 21-run over from Andy Mcbrine put India back in control.

> **Ruturaj had a niggle in his calf. We had the choice of taking a risk and sending him in [to open the innings], but I was not okay with it**
>
> — HARDIK

While Hardik departed after hitting three sixes, Hooda stayed till the end to hit the winning four. His innings comprised two sixes and six fours.

Earlier, India opted to bowl in overcast conditions but soon the rain arrived, delaying the start by two hours and 20 minutes. Bhuvneshwar Kumar got the ball to swing both ways before an in-swinger breached skipper Andrew Balbirnie's defence.

Hardik came on in the second over and took two balls to dismiss the dangerous Paul Stirling. After hitting the first ball over cover, Stirling went for the same shot but mistimed to be caught at mid-off.

Avesh Khan then had Gareth Delany caught behind in his first over to leave Ireland at 22 for three. Ireland, however, staged a spirited recovery through Tector, who went on the offensive.

Nervy Umran

All eyes were on Umran Malik but he had a rather nervous start to his international career. He dragged his third ball down the leg side and it raced to the boundary off Lorcan Tucker's (18 off 16) pads. Two balls later, Tector played a beautiful straight drive off a full delivery.

Umran pitched the next one short but Hector was ready to pull it for a six. Tucker smashed two successive sixes off Hardik.

SCOREBOARD

IRELAND

Paul Stirling c Hooda b Hardik 4 *(5b, 1x4)*, Andrew Balbirnie b Bhuvneshwar 0 *(2b)*, Gareth Delanay c Karthik b Avesh 8 *(9b,1 x4)*, Harry Tector (not out) 64 *(33b, 6x4, 3x6)*, Lorcan Tucker c Axar b Chahal 18 *(16b, 2x6)*, George Dockrell (not out) 4 *(7b)*; Extras (lb-7, w-3): 10; Total (for four wkts. in 12 overs): 108.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-1 (Balbirnie, 0.5 overs), 2-6 (Stirling, 1.2), 3-22 (Delany, 3.5), 4-72 (Tucker, 8.4).

INDIA BOWLING

Bhuvneshwar 3-1-16-1, Hardik 2-0-26-1, Avesh 2-0-22-1, Axar 1-0-12-0, Umran 1-0-14-0, Chahal 3-0-11-1.

INDIA

Deepak Hooda (not out) 47 *(29b, 6x4, 2x6)*, Ishan Kishan b Young 26 *(11b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav lbw b Young 0 *(1b)*, Hardik Pandya lbw b Little 24 *(12b, 1x4, 3x6)*, Dinesh Karthik (not out) 5 *(4b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-1, nb-1, w-7): 9; Total (for three wkts. in 9.2 overs): 111.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-30 (Kishan, 2.4), 2-30 (Suryakumar, 2.5), 3-94 (Hardik, 7.6).

IRELAND BOWLING

Little 2.2-0-39-1, Adair 2-0-14-0, Young 2-0-18-2, McBrine 1-0-21-0, Olphert 2-0-18-0.

Toss: India; **Player-of-the-Match:** Chahal; *India won by seven wickets with 16 balls remaining*; **Second T20I:** June 28, Malahide.

Mission accomplished: The Indian women's team with the trophy after clinching the series 2-1. • TWITTER/BCCIWOMEN

Athapaththu denies India

SL skipper's 48-ball 80 gives the hosts a consolation win

INDIA IN SL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DAMBULLA

Skipper Chamari Athapaththu struck a counter-attacking 48-ball 80 as Sri Lanka outplayed India by seven wickets in the third and final T20I to avoid a whitewash here on Monday.

The 32-year-old Athapaththu smashed 14 boundaries and one six and became the only player from the island nation to get to the 2000-run mark in T20Is.

Tillakaratne Dilshan (1889) is the highest run-scorer among the men cricketers from Sri Lanka.

Chasing 139 to avoid a clean sweep by the Indians, Sri Lanka reached the target with three overs to spare.

The three-match T20I series thus ended 2-1 in favour of India, who stuttered after opting to bat before skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's 39 not out *(33b; 3x4, 1x6)* propped up the total to 138 for five.

Sri Lanka lost Vishmi Gunaratne (5) in the first over, but Harshitha Samarawickrama (13) gave support to Chamari in the powerplay before falling to Radha Yadav in the fifth over.

Nilakshi de Silva (30 off 28 balls) joined hands with Chamari as the skipper cruised to a 29-ball fifty – the fastest for Sri Lanka women's T20I.

Chamari got a reprieve on 42 when Jemimah Rodrigues missed a running catch in the midwicket boundary. She soon slammed back-to-back fours en route to her fifth T20I fifty.

With Chamari looking furious, Sri Lanka just needed 18 runs in the final five overs and it did it without much ado to seal their first T20 win against India at home.

Earlier, India stuttered in the middle overs after Smriti Mandhana *(22, 21b, 3x4)* and S. Meghana (22, 26b, 3x4) departed in successive overs to leave the visitors reeling at 51 for three.

The duo looked well in control during its 41-run second wicket partnership after Shafali Verma (5) fell in the opening over but run-rate dried up as the hosts bounced back.

There was a lull in the middle when India failed to get a boundary in 38 deliveries with Harmanpreet and Jemimah Rodrigues struggling to get going.

They finally broke the shackles in the 13th over as Jemimah showed her attacking intent in her 30-ball 33.

After Jemimah's departure, Harmanpreet took charge and along with Pooja Vastrakar scored 49 runs in the final five overs.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA

Smriti Mandhana c Nilakshi b Ranasinghe 22 *(21b, 3x4)*, Shafali Verma c Athapaththu b Sugandika 5 *(4b, 1x4)*, S. Meghana c Athapaththu b Ranaweera 22 *(26b, 3x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur (not out) 39 *(33b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Jemimah Rodrigues c Vishmi b Kanchana 33 *(30b, 3x4)*, Pooja Vastrakar run out 13 *(6b, 2x4)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3): 4; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 138.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-7 (Shafali, 0.6 overs), 2-48 (Smriti, 7.4), 3-51 (Meghana, 8.5), 4-115 (Jemimah, 18.1), 5-138 (Pooja, 19.6).

SRI LANKA BOWLING

Sugandika 4-0-28-1, Kanchana 4-0-22-1, Ranasinghe 3-0-13-1, Ranaweera 4-0-31-1, Dilhari 3-0-22-0, Athapaththu 2-0-21-0.

SRI LANKA

Vishmi Gunaratne c Harmanpreet b Renuka 5 *(5b, 1x4)*, Chamari Athapaththu (not out) 80 *(48b, 14x4, 1x6)*, Harshitha Samarawickrama c Smriti b Radha 13 *(14b, 2x4)*, Nilakshi de Silva run out 30 *(28b, 4x4)*, Kavisha Dilhari (not out) 7 *(7b)*; Extras (b-1, w-5): 6; Total (for three wkts. in 17 overs): 141.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-6 (Vishmi, 0.6), 2-37 (Harshitha, 4.5), 3-114 (Nilakshi, 14.2).

INDIA BOWLING

Renuka 4-0-27-1, Deepti 3-0-26-0, Radha 4-0-41-1, Pooja 1-0-9-0, Harmanpreet 2-0-13-0, Simran 2-0-20-0, Shafali 1-0-4-0.

Toss: India; **Player-of-the-match:** Athapaththu; **Player-of-the-series:** Harmanpreet.

Sri Lanka won by seven wickets with 18 deliveries to spare.

Next match: First ODI: July 1, Pallekele, 10 a.m.

Roach puts Bangladesh on the mat

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
GROS-ISLET (ST. LUCIA)

Kemar Roach became the sixth West Indian to claim 250 Test wickets as he put his team on course for victory on the third day of the second Test on Sunday.

Roach's three wickets reduced the visitors to 132 for six in their second innings. Wet ground conditions prevented play in the first two sessions on Monday.

The scores: Bangladesh 234 & 132/6 in 36 overs (Najmul Hossain 42; Kemar Roach 3/32) vs West Indies 408 in 126.3 overs (Kraigg Brathwaite 51, John Campbell 45, Jermaine Blackwood 40, Kyle Mayers 146; Khaled Ahmed 5/106, Mehidy Hasan 3/91).

We've ticked all the boxes, says Dravid

Coach satisfied with India's preparation; Mayank called up as cover for Rohit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LEICESTER

India ticked all the required boxes during the four-day practice match against Leicestershire and will look to hit the ground running when it faces England in the rescheduled one-off Test beginning on Friday, said head coach Rahul Dravid.

Batters come good

Shreyas Iyer, Virat Kohli, Shubman Gill, Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja all struck fifties during the drawn game.

"I think whatever we needed to achieve and whatever boxes we needed to tick in terms of our preparation leading into the Test match on Friday, I think we are very satisfied and happy, we have been able to do that this week," Dravid said in a video posted by Leicestershire Foxes on Twitter.

Right frame of mind: The warm-up game gave the Indians the opportunity to check their state of preparedness. • REUTERS

Asked about the challenges of playing in English conditions, Dravid said: "When you have got just one game or one-off game in a series, its not really a lot of time, you've got to hit the ground running hard and you've got to be able to hopefully get your act together right from the first day of the Test."

Meanwhile, opener Mayank Agarwal has been called up to join the India squad in England as cover for skipper Rohit Sharma, who is doubtful for the Edgbaston Test after testing positive for COVID-19.

"Mayank is flying out as cover for Rohit and if need be will be available for the Test as UK COVID protocols don't require any quarantine period on landing if RT-PCR test is negative," a BCCI source said.

Shafali's bowling, Yastika's 'keeping give team more options, says Powar

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

India may have struggled to put runs on the board against Sri Lanka in the T20I series, which concluded with a comprehensive defeat in the third match at Dambulla on Monday, but coach Ramesh Powar believes the batting is on the right track.

"The wickets were slow and we were not expecting too many high-scoring games," he said.

"(If we look at) the way Harmanpreet, Jemimah, Shafali and Smriti have batted, we are on the right track as far as batting is concerned."

The coach thinks Yastika Bhatia keeping wicket and Shafali bowling give the team more options. "They open up the options to play more all-rounders in the team," he said.

"We are trying to create players we could use in particular situations or tours."

Looking back at the positives from the series, which India won 2-1, Powar said he could see that the players grew individually.

"And the fitness has gone up a little," he said.

Winning habit

"Winning a series is important and a winning habit is important... hopefully, we will carry this momentum forward in the coming days."

Djokovic drops a set against Kwon; Jabeur cruises home

Alcaraz taken the distance by Struff; Davidovich Fokina packs off seventh seed Hurkacz; Raducanu returns in style

REUTERS
LONDON

Defending champion Novak Djokovic became the first player to win 80 or more matches at all four Grand Slams while teenage star Carlos Alcaraz battled over five sets to make the second round at Wimbledon on Monday.

Six-time champion and top seed Djokovic saw off South Korea's Kwon Soo-woo 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. But 20-time Grand Slam winner Djokovic was made to work after falling a break down in the opening two sets against his 81st-ranked opponent – losing the second of those.

"Now we have got to 80 wins, let's get to 100," said Djokovic.

Alcaraz, a potential quarterfinal opponent for Djokovic, came back from two sets to one down to defeat Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff. The 19-year-old fired 30 aces and 73 winners in a dazzling display of shot-making to win 4-6, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6(7), 6-4.

Tough day in office: Djokovic was stretched by Kwon before winning in four. • AFP

"Last year, I played five sets in the first round here as well so this shows how much I like grass," joked Alcaraz.

John Isner fired 54 aces and 97 winners to beat French qualifier Enzo Couacaud 6-7(6), 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. Marin Cilic, the 2017 runner-up, withdrew before hitting a ball due to illness.

Spain's Alejandro Davidovich Fokina knocked out 2021 semifinalist Hubert Hurkacz, courtesy the tournament's first final-set 10-point tiebreak. Davidovich Fokina triumphed over the seventh-seeded Pole 7-6(4), 6-4, 5-7, 2-6, 7-6(10-8) in a match interrupted twice by rain.

Around two hours of play was lost during the day due to a downpour – and 10 matches cancelled – but that did not faze new women's World No. 2 Ons Jabeur.

The Tunisian, a quarterfinalist in 2021, eased past Swedish qualifier Mirjam Bjorklund 6-1, 6-3 in just 54 minutes. World No. 3 Anett Kontaveit began her bid to reach the second week for the first time with a 7-5, 6-1 win against Bernarda Pera of the United States.

U.S. Open champion Emma Raducanu beat Alison van Uytvanck 6-4, 6-4, much to the delight of a partisan home crowd on Centre Court.

"It's an incredibly special feeling to be back at Wimbledon," said the British No. 1, who reached the fourth round last year.

Day in numbers

3 Davidovich Fokina registered his third career win against a top-10 opponent, his first two coming against Berrettini (2021) and Djokovic (2022), both at the Monte Carlo Masters

50 Isner hit 50-plus aces in a Grand Slam match yet again. The American had served 52 aces in the U.S. Open first round in 2020

80 Djokovic is the first player - man or woman - in the Open era with 80 or more main draw wins in all four Grand Slams (85 at Roland Garros, 82 at Australian Open, 81 at U.S. Open and 80 at Wimbledon)

Tuesday's picks

MEN

2-Nadal vs Cerundolo
4-Tsitsipas vs Ritschard
8-Berrettini vs Garin

WOMEN

16-Halep vs Muchova
Serena vs Tan

THE RESULTS

First round: Men: 1-Djokovic (Srb) bt Kwon (Kor) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; 9-Norrie (GBr) bt Andujar (Esp) 6-0, 7-6(3), 6-3; 3-Ruud (Nor) bt Ramos-Vinolas (Esp) 7-6(1), 7-6(9), 6-2; 22-Basilashvili (Geo) bt Rosol (Cze) 6-7(4), 7-6(6), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

23-Tiafoe (USA) bt Vavassori (Ita) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; 30-Paul (USA) bt Verdasco (Esp) 6-1, 6-2, 7-6(4); 20-Isner (USA) bt Couacaud (Fra) 6-7(6), 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; 5-Alcaraz (Esp) bt Struff (Ger) 4-6, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-4; Davidovich Fokina (Esp) bt 7-Hurkacz (Pol) 7-6(4), 6-4, 5-7, 2-6, 7-6(10-8).

Women: 2-Kontaveit (Est) bt Pera (USA) 7-5, 6-1; 28-Riske (USA) bt In-Albon (Sui) 6-2, 6-4; 3-Jabeur (Tun) bt Bjorklund (Swe) 6-1, 6-3; 26-Cirstea (Rou) bt Krunic (Srb) 7-6(5), 7-6(1).

Cocciaretto (Ita) bt 22-Trevisan (Ita) 6-2, 6-0; Juvan (Slo) bt 23-Haddad Maia (Bra) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; 29-Kalinina (Ukr) bt Bondar (Hun) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

10-Emma Raducanu (GBR) bt Van Uytvanck (Bel) 6-4, 6-4; 24-Mertens (Bel) bt Osorio (Col) 1-6, 6-2, 4-2, retd.; Parry (Fra) bt 31-Kanepi (Est) 6-4, 6-4.

Fallen seeds

- *Men:* 7-Hurkacz
- *Women:* 22-Trevisan, 23-Haddad Maia, 31-Kanepi

South Sports Conclave in Chennai today

SPORTS BUREAU

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin will deliver the keynote address at *Sportstar*'s first-ever South Sports Conclave on Tuesday in Chennai, where a host of speakers will discuss key issues pertaining to the sports ecosystem in the region.

The full-day conclave will have different segments, including a panel discussion on private-public partnerships for promotion of sports.

Former BCCI president and Chennai Super Kings owner N. Srinivasan will give an insight into the four-time IPL champion's journey. Viswanathan Anand will be in conversation with coach R.B. Ramesh on the strong bond between chess and Chennai.

Mithali Raj will lead a panel discussion on how to encourage girls to play sports in schools and communities.

There will also be a panel discussion comprising former Australian cricketer Glenn McGrath and former India bowling coach B. Arun who will speak on the role of high-performance centres in sports.

The Conclave will be held in association with Hero We Care, a Hero Motocorp CSR Initiative, K.J. Somaiya Institute of Management, JK Tyre, FIITJEE Global School, Indian Oil, Nippon Paint and Casagrand. Readers can follow the Conclave live on the *Sportstar* website *www.sportstar.thehindu.com*

IN BRIEF

South Korea's Chun wins WPGA Championship

BETHESDA (USA)

South Korea's Chun In-gee captured her third Major title on Sunday, winning the Women's PGA Championship and snapping a four-year victory drought. The 27-year-old finished on five-under 283 for a one-stroke triumph over American Lexi Thompson and Australian Minjee Lee. AFP

Wolff latest to leave PGA for LIV Golf

WASHINGTON

World No. 77 Matthew Wolff, a 23-year-old American, is the latest player to leave the USPGA Tour for the Saudi-backed LIV Golf Series, according to reports on Sunday. Wolff, who won his only USPGA title at the 2019 3M Open, was the 2020 US Open runner-up and shared fourth in the 2020 PGA Championship. AFP

Schauffele emerges champion at Travelers

NEW YORK

Tokyo Olympic champion Xander Schauffele birdied the final hole on Sunday to win the Travelers Championship, holding off Sahith Theegala for his sixth career USPGA Tour title. The 28-year-old American finished on 19-under 261, two strokes ahead of compatriots Theegala and J.T. Poston. AFP

Sindhu will be keen to make amends

Prannoy eyes another consistent show, desperate to end title drought

MALAYSIAN OPEN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KUALA LUMPUR

P.V. Sindhu will look to quickly recover from her first-round exit at the Indonesia Open Super 1000, while H.S. Prannoy will eye another consistent show as the duo spearheads the Indian challenge at the Malaysia Open Super 750 tournament starting here on Tuesday.

Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, lost in the opening round to China's He Bing Jiao in Indonesia and will have to put behind her that defeat when she begins her campaign against Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand. Sindhu enjoys a 5-3 head-to-head record against Pornpawee.

Good to go: Sindhu at a practice session in Kuala Lumpur on Monday. • AP

Saina back

London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal is in the same half of the draw and will open against USA's Iris Wang. A win will put her face-to-face with Japanese sixth seed Nozomi Okuhara, a former world champion.

Saina had skipped the Indonesia leg to manage her workload and will look to put up a good show against Wang, whom she had defeated in three games the only time they met last year at the Orleans Masters.

Prannoy has been consistent, with a series of quarterfinals since the World Championships last year. Prannoy, desperate to end a five-year title drought, will be pitted against Malaysian veteran Daren Liew.

Among others, Tokyo Olympian B. Sai Praneeth will be up against sixth-seeded Indonesian Anthony Sinisuka Ginting, while Sameer Verma takes on another Indonesian Jonata Christie, seeded seventh.

Former Commonwealth Games gold medallist P. Kashyap, returning from injury, will meet Korea's Heo Kwang Hee.

Satwik-Chirag fit again

The World No. 8 pairing of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will also be back in action after skipping the last two events due to fitness issues.

The duo will open against Malaysia's Man Wei Chong and Kai Wun Tee.

In mixed doubles, Ashwini Ponnappa and B. Sumeeth Reddy, who are part of India's Commonwealth Games squad, will take on the Netherlands' Robin Tabeling and Selena Piek.

Venkat Gaurav Prasad and Juhi Dewangan will square off against Korea's Kim Won Ho and Jeong Na Eun.

Pogacar given familiar support cast

Cavendish, Alaphilippe miss out

Favourite: Tadej Pogacar will hope to clinch his third straight title. • AFP

TOUR DE FRANCE

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
PARIS

Tadej Pogacar will begin his bid for a third straight Tour de France title later this week alongside four of the same teammates who helped him to last year's yellow jersey.

On Monday, the Slovenian was named in the UAE Team Emirates line-up for the race, which gets underway in Copenhagen on Friday.

Switzerland's Marc Hirschi was a notable omission, but Polish climber Rafal Majka, Mikkel Bjerg, Brandon McNulty and Vegard Stake Laengen all made the cut.

New Zealander George Bennett and Spain's Marc Soler, both signed in the off-season, are in the team, as is Italian sprinter Matteo Trentin.

"We've worked very hard all year as a team to prepare for this," said the 23-year-old Pogacar. "So far this year has been positive for the team and we hope to continue this momentum."

Impressive season

Pogacar is a strong favourite for the Tour after another impressive season which has seen him win the one-day Strade Bianche and two stage races.

Meanwhile, Trek-Segafredo named former world champion Mads Pedersen as the team leader on Monday.

Great Britain's Mark Cavendish and France's Julian Alaphilippe have both missed out on a place in the Tour, the Quick-Step team said on Monday.

Double World road cycling champion Alaphilippe only returned to competition on Sunday, two months after suffering multiple fractures in a heavy fall on the Liege-Bastogne-Liege race in Belgium.

The teams:

UAE Team Emirates: Tadej Pogacar (Slo), George Bennett (NZ), Mikkel Bjerg (Den), Vegard Stake Laengen (Nor), Rafal Majka (Pol), Brandon McNulty (USA), Marc Soler (Esp), Matteo Trentin (Ita).

Trek-Segafredo: Giulio Ciccone (Ita), Tony Gallopin (Fra), Alex Kirsch (Lux), Bauke Mollema (Ned), Mads Pedersen (Den), Quinn Simmons (USA), Toms Skujins (Lat), Jasper Stuyven (Bel).

Quick-Step: Kasper Asgreen (Den), Andrea Bagioli (Ita), Mattia Cattaneo (Ita), Tim Declercq (Bel), Mikkel Honore (Den), Fabio Jakobsen (Ned), Yves Lampaert (Bel), Michael Morkov (Den).

Wellbrock is 5km open water champ

SWIMMING

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BUDAPEST

German Florian Wellbrock won his first individual title of the 2022 World Championships in the men's 5km open water event on Monday, with Brazil's Ana Marcela Cunha winning the women's race for the second time.

Making a mark: Wellbrock completed the race in 52 minutes and 48.80 seconds. • REUTERS

The reigning 10km Olympic champion completed the course in Lake Balaton in 52 minutes and 48.80 seconds to beat Italian Gregorio Paltrinieri by 3.90s. Mykhailo Romanchuk won his and Ukraine's second medal of the championships by taking bronze.

It was Wellbrock's third world title after his 10km and 1500m freestyle successes three years ago in Gwangju. The 24-year-old had taken silver in the 800m and 1500m freestyle races last week.

Cunha, Olympic champion over 10km, pipped France's Aurelie Muller by 0.90s. It was the sixth world title for the 30-year-old Brazilian, a four-time gold medallist over 25km, who also won the 5km race in 2019.

The results: Men: 5km open water: 1. Florian Wellbrock (Ger) 52:48.80s; 2. Gregorio Paltrinieri (Ita) 52:52.70s; 3. Mykhailo Romanchuk (Ukr) 53:13.90s.

Women: 5km open water: 1. Ana Marcela Cunha (Bra) 57:52.90s; 2. Aurelie Muller (Fra) 57:53.80; 3. Giulia Gabrielleschi (Ita) 57:54.90s.

Daley 'furious' over transgender ruling

REUTERS
LONDON

Olympic diving champion Tom Daley said he is "furious" at governing body FINA's decision to restrict the participation of transgender athletes in elite women's competitions.

Daley, who came out as gay in 2013, was recently speaking at the British LGBT Awards, where he was named Sports Personality of the Year after winning gold in the 10 metre synchronised platform diving event at the Tokyo Olympics.

Transgender rights has become a major talking point as sports seek to balance inclusivity while ensuring there is no unfair advantage.

"I was furious," he said of FINA's decision, which bans athletes who have been through any part of male puberty from elite women's competition.

FINA also said it would create a working group to establish an "open" category for transgender athletes as part of its new policy, which covers events in swimming, diving, water polo, artistic swimming, high diving and open water swimming.

Former Olympic medallist Sharron Davies said FINA was "standing up for fair sport for females".

Sreeshankar forced to pull out of Stockholm Diamond League

Passport held up at the U.S. Embassy

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

With his passport held up at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi for visa processing for next month's World Championships at Oregon, long jumper M. Sreeshankar has been forced to pull out of the June 30th Diamond League in Stockholm.

"I had my visa interview done today. They had promised to give my passport this evening and I was planning to leave for Stockholm by Tuesday's 3 a.m. flight," Sreeshankar told *The Hindu* from Delhi on Monday night.

"But later, I got information that it would be delayed and that we would know the position only by 2 or 3 p.m. on Tuesday. So, I have to drop the Stockholm Diamond League. I have now informed the meet directors that we (Sreeshankar and his dad-cum-coach S. Murali) won't be able to make it.

Sreeshankar. • FILE PHOTO

"This would have been a nice build-up for the Worlds. I had bought all my luggage for Stockholm here. But if we go for an event like the Diamond League with travel fatigue, it could lead to injuries. We have a good chance at the Worlds, so now we have decided to focus directly on that."

Sreeshankar, who was supposed to compete against the Olympic champion Miltiadis Tentoglou in Stockholm, said the Sports Ministry, SAI and the AFI had tried their best to help him get the passport on time.

Jackson runs third-fastest 200m

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Shericka Jackson delivered on her promise to produce something special in the women's 200m with a world-leading 21.55s on Sunday's final day of the Jamaican National Athletics Championships.

Jamaican track stars produced the third-fastest event ever at the world team trials, with Jackson completing the 100-200 sprint double impressively.

After Friday's 100m victory, Jackson surprised herself with a 200m performance that trails only US legend Florence Griffith-Joyner's 34-year-old world record 21.34s and the Jamaican record 21.53s by Elaine Thompson-Herah at last year's Olympics.

India lucky to have many PC specialists: Sandeep

Former captain backs Manpreet's side to break gold medal jinx at CWG

HOCKEY

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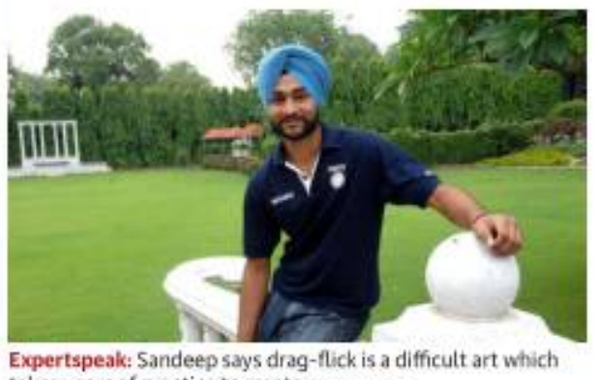
The emergence of a number of penalty corner specialists in the national team gives India an edge over the other sides, according to former hockey captain Sandeep Singh.

"Drag-flick is a difficult art which takes years of practice to master. It is a very technical thing, where besides brute power, you need fast hands and quick bodyweight transfer," said Sandeep.

"Having options in drag-flick gives any team an advantage and we are lucky that we have many penalty corner specialists in the team now. It adds variety. Harmanpreet is a world-class flicker," added Sandeep, who is nicknamed 'Flicker Singh' for his exploits with the goal-scoring technique during his playing days.



Expertspeak: Sandeep says drag-flick is a difficult art which takes years of practice to master. • FILE PHOTO

Sandeep, a fiery drag-flicker in his heydays, said the current national team under Manpreet Singh has the wherewithal to break its gold medal jinx at the Birmingham Games, starting next month.

"Indian hockey has made tremendous progress. The bronze medal in Tokyo was just the fillip the game needed to revive its past glory," Sandeep told in an exclusive interaction from the Indian Sports Fan Award 2022.

"If you ask me I firmly believe we can win a gold in this Commonwealth Games.

"In today's hockey there is hardly any gap between the top 5 world teams. If we play to our potential and plan, we can stop Australia's dominance in the CWG this time," added the player-turned-politician, who was part of the 2010 CWG silver medal-winning squad.

Sandeep said the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics after four decades and continuous upward movement in world hockey after that under chief coach Graham Reid has instilled self-belief and confidence among the Indian players.

"The medal at Tokyo is just what Indian hockey needed. Look at our bench strength now, we have a main team, an A team and junior side. So, there is no dearth of quality players," said Sandeep.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

T20I ticket refund from July 1

Ticket refunds (both online and box-office) for the rained-out fifth T20I between India and South Africa (June 19) can be claimed on July 1, 2 and 3 at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium (Gates 2, 5, 18 and 19).

The 50% refund announced will be made only to those who have retained their original tickets, subject to verification. For details, call: 8104983140.

Pareexith and Aneesh hit big centuries

Pareexith Okkunda top-scored with 155 as Mount Joy CC secured the first-innings lead in a drawn KSCA (Group I) first division league encounter against Social Cricketers.

Chasing Mount Joy's 429-run total, Social Cricketers, riding on K.V. Aneesh's 161, nearly upstaged the mammoth score before finishing on 414.

The scores: Mount Joy CC 429/8 in 90 overs (Pareexith Okkunda 155, Sagar Solanki 77, B.R. Sharath 77, Muthahir 36, Ritesh Bhatkal 4/129) drew with Social Cricketers 414 in 89.5 overs (Farhan Magi 44, K.V. Aneesh 161, Aadarsh Prajwal 49, D. Avinash 25, Ritesh Bhatkal 33, Ajay Gouda 58, Sharan Gouda 3/89, Muthahir 3/76).

BUCC (1) 265 in 80.1 overs (Rohan Kadam 34, Sharath Srinivas 37, Abhinav Manohar 33, Kishan S.Bedare 25, Samarth Srinivas 44 n.o., Pranav Bhatia 29) drew with Sir Syed Cricketers 202 in 53.4 overs (A. Rohan Patil 28, Luvnith Sisodia 57, Tanay Valmik 39, L.R. Kumar 26, Abul Hasan Khalid 3/51, Pranav Bhatia 3/29).

Modern CC 364 in 85.2 overs (Mohammed Aqib Jawad 48, Jeswanth Acharya 27, Milind Ramesh 117, Rahul Vernekar 90, Prithvi Sadanand 34, Raj Atul Gala 3/73) drew with Swastic Union CC (2) 376 in 71.2 overs (Mohsin Khan 37, Aaron Cyril Christie 66, Naga Bharath 59, Aman Khan 45, Gaurav Dhiman 34, C.A. Karthik 74, Prateek Jain 27, Taha Khan 3/68).

Cambridge CC 59 in 23.4 overs (K.S. Devaiah 4/18, S.S. Sankalp 3/13, Abhilash 3/23) & 250/6 in 64 overs (L.R. Chethana 62, Macneil Hadley Noronha 28, Gowtham Sagar 39 n.o.) drew with Swastic Union CC (1) 205/6 decl. in 64.1 overs (E.J. Jasper 39, N.A. Chinmay 54, Shishir Bhavane 46, S. Rakshith 36).

FUCC (1) 364/8 in 90 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 81, Stalin Hoover 37, Lochan S.Gowda 69, Mithun Bhat 96, M. Utham Aiyappa 67 n.o., J. Suchith 4/81) drew with Vultures CC 156 in 50.3 overs (D. Nischal 29, Anirudha A.Joshi 87, Stalin Hoover 4/26, A.C. Rohith Kumar 4/44) & 43 for no loss in 10 overs (K.L. Shrijith 31 n.o.).

Chintamani SA 264 in 83.4 overs (Faizaan Sidiq 81, Abdul Majid 51, Mir Kaunain Abbas 44, Melu Kranthi Kumar 3/66, B.P. Manish 5/67) drew with Rajajinagar Cricketers 115 in 37.4 overs (S.M. Shamanth 48 n.o., Abhishek Prabhakar 4/54, Dushyanth Venkat 5/27) & 107/1 in 26 overs (S. Nithin 35 n.o., Nitin Bhille 67 n.o.).

Siddharth hits unbeaten ton in Visweswarapuram CC (2)'s facile win

A. Siddharth scored an unbeaten 110 to lead Visweswarapuram CC (2) to an eight-wicket win over Malleswaram Gymkhana in the KSCA (Group I) third division league.

The scores: Malleswaram Gymkhana 230 in 47.4 overs (Harshith Poojary 57, Gyan Somaiah 34, Nischal Das 59, Suneel Kashyap Ivaturi 3/37, M. Adhokshaj 4/44) lost to Visweswarapuram CC (2) 232/2 in 28.1 overs (Pradeep 50, A. Siddharth 110 n.o., R. Shishir 57 n.o.).

Neptune CC 324/5 in 50 overs (Rayan Ahmed 104, G. Vishnu Prasad 87, Bharath Prashanth 31, Suneel Raju 62) bt RVCE 262 in 42 overs (G.P. Likhith 68, H.K. Vishwanath 69, K.B. Vivek 34, Suneel Raju 3/40). *Target revised to 273 in 42 overs following rain.*

Hammonds CC 113 in 32.3 overs (Sharana Basava 49, Nanda 3/22) lost to Visweswarapuram CC (1) 114/4 in 27.5 overs (B. Tanu 37, Diwakar Shankar 32).

Bishop Cotton cruises into the last four

Praveen R. Jain scored twice as Bishop Cotton BHS defeated New Shams School 4-1 to enter the semifinals of the CISCE Regional Pre Subroto Cup football tournament on Monday.

The results (quarterfinals): SJBHS 1 (Liyan 60+3) bt Baldwin Boys HS 1 (Utkarsh 59) [4-2 on penalties]; Green Wood BG 4 (Pranav Aditya 40, 58, Siddharth Jayanth 59, Adarsh Abey 60+2) bt Vibgyor HS 1 (Armaan 32); Bishop Cotton BHS 4 (N. Tejas 7, Praveen R.Jain 50, 58, Philbert Christain 54) bt New Shams School 1 (Syed Abdullah 27); Green Wood Sarjapur 3 (Noel 37, Arnay 54, Animesh 60) bt Amber Valley 1 (Asith 21).

Top performers in Ranji season 2021-22

Batting	M	Inns	Runs	HS	Avg	100s/50s
Sarfaraz Khan *(Mumbai)*	6	9	982	275	122.75	4/2
Rajat Patidar *(MP)*	6	9	658	142	82.25	2/5
Chetan Bist *(Nagaland)*	4	6	623	155*	311.50	5/0
Yash Dubey *(MP)*	6	10	614	289	76.75	2/1
Shubham Sharma *(MP)*	6	9	608	116	76.00	4/1

Bowling	M	Inns	Wkts	BBI	SR	5WI/10WM
Shams Mulani *(Mumbai)*	6	11	45	7/114	34.5	6/2
Kumar Kartikeya *(MP)*	6	11	32	6/50	55.4	3/0
Shahbaz Nadeem *(Jharkhand)*	5	9	25	5/58	56.6	3/1
Gaurav Yadav *(MP)*	5	10	23	5/11	33.1	1/0
Satyajeet Bachhav *(Maharashtra)*	3	5	21	7/45	36.9	2/1

The coveted one: The Madhya Pradesh players are gung-ho after winning their maiden Ranji title. ■ K. MURALI KUMAR